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Thousands of demonstrators gather last night in Jerusalem's Zion Square to show support for the peace process, prior to the resumption of talks between Israel and the PA today. (Peace Now in Hebron, Page 2)

Talks on Hebron resume today

Christopher to meet Netanyahu, Arafat

TALKS that resume today between Israel and the Palestinian Authority at the Erez Junction will focus on the IDF redeployment in Hebron and the security arrangements needed to implement the pullback.

HILLEL KUTTLER and news agencies to restore Israel's international image, which was tarnished by the recent violence in the territories.

accomplish something. These need to be productive, results-oriented discussions. They cannot be interminable rhetorical exchanges.

IDF, PA agree on Gaza buffer zones

ISRAEL and the Palestinian Authority set the stage for this evening's US-mediated talks at the Erez Junction by agreeing to set up buffer zones between their forces at friction points in the Gaza Strip.

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN But the internal closure of Palestinian-controlled areas of the West Bank and Gaza Strip is still in effect and Israelis are still barred from entering these areas.

Darom, Netzarim, the Erez Junction and Neveh Dekalim. Channel 2 reported that the 300-meter security zones would come at the expense of Palestinian territory.

Qatar says ties with Israel on hold

DUBAI (Reuters) - Qatar, which has moved faster than any other Gulf state to forge economic ties with Israel, has put further normalization on hold, its foreign affairs minister said in remarks published yesterday.

US in new-old role as facilitator

THREE years after the Oslo Accords were signed, the Erez talks that start today mark a stark change in the US's role in Israeli-Palestinian peace talks.

COMMENT HILLEL KUTTLER role will be once the marathon Erez talks conclude, but it is assumed that by then, the Israeli-Palestinian channel will have been reinvigorated.

on track. In that sense, the level of talks are, temporarily, where they were before the Oslo process began.

Mubarak raps Israel on anniversary of Yom Kippur War

CAIRO - President Hosni Mubarak yesterday used the anniversary of the Yom Kippur War to implicitly criticize current Israeli policies, saying only peace, not brute strength, can bring security to the Middle East.

News agencies its roots flourish in the absence of the principles of equality that have been drafted by the international community," he said.

Sinai peninsula last month. Touted as the largest ever, the exercises involved 35,000 soldiers and involved crossing the Suez Canal and freeing a "besieged" canal city, reminiscent of the 1973 war.

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No-confidence motion expected at opening of Knesset tomorrow

THE Labor faction is expected to respond to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's political address at tomorrow's opening of the Knesset with a no-confidence motion.

Labor faction chairman MK Ra'anana Cohen said he would file the motion "in view of the prime minister's failed and dangerous policy. With the correct forethought the tragic loss of life could have been prevented."

Cohen is holding talks with all opposition faction heads to mobilize the largest possible turnout for a no-confidence vote, which could

LIAT COLLINS

only be held next week. It is considered unlikely to pass, however.

Cohen has also submitted a bill which would allow the Knesset to topple the prime minister in a no-confidence motion without it entailing general elections.

"Netanyahu hid his intentions from the security forces and thus caused our soldiers to be taken by surprise and prevented them from taking precautions for their defense," Cohen said.

"He is gambling with our future and safety with irresponsible deci-

sions."

Coalition and Likud faction chairman Michael Eltan called on all parties to respect agreements reached before the elections on the principles of public discourse.

Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon (Likud) said he would not allow the Knesset plenum to be exploited for propaganda purposes and called on MKs to show restraint during the prime minister's address.

The Likud faction is scheduled to meet with Netanyahu today to hear a report on the latest developments.

Temple Mount Wakf officials halt stone-throwing after prayers

BILL HUTMAN

MOSLEM officials on the Temple Mount helped calm the crowd of worshippers at Al-Aksa Mosque on Friday, and quickly brought under control what could have turned into another bloody scene at the holy site, according to police sources.

Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahanavi also had called on Jerusalem police to handle any unrest at Al-Aksa with extra sensitivity, out of concern that violence at the Friday prayers would torpedo the opening of negotiations at Erez today, the sources said.

At Friday prayers there a week earlier, three Palestinians were killed when police broke up rioting.

This Friday, some 13,000 worshippers attended the noontime service. A delegation of Israeli Arabs,

headed by Democratic Arab Party MKs Taleb a-Sanaa and Abdul Wahab Darawshe, attended the service as part of the protest declared by the sector to express solidarity with eastern Jerusalem Arabs and the "just demands of the Palestinian Authority." Darawshe said the Israeli-Arab Monitoring Committee was trying to help calm tempers among the Palestinians in order to advance the peace process.

After the prayers, Moslem worshippers again began throwing stones at police stationed on the mount inside Mugrabim Gate.

Jerusalem Police chief Arye Ahit immediately ordered the evacuation of Jewish worshippers and visitors from the Western Wall Plaza,

for fear the stones would reach them.

However, Moslem officials, headed by Al-Aksa director Sheikh Mohammed Hussein, calmed the crowd, which at their urging halted the stone-throwing and dispersed peacefully.

The police, for its part, absorbed the initial stones, and did not respond. There were no injuries.

Police sources said activists from Palestinian opposition groups tried to incite unrest, and it was clear the Palestinian Authority had given orders to its people on the mount to ensure the prayers went peacefully.

The few dozen Jewish worshippers at the Western Wall were allowed to return, after being evac-

uated from the area by police for about 15 minutes. No stones hit the Western Wall Plaza.

Palestinians complained that police prevented young people from entering the mount. The police spokesman said some youths were prevented from entering because "they looked suspicious," but there was no blanket policy to keep Palestinian youths away.

Before the riots on the previous Friday, police hadn't prevented anyone from entering, although identity cards were taken from youths.

It was decided to prevent some youths from going inside after the policy of taking identity cards proved unsuccessful in preventing unrest.

IAF blasts Hizbullah targets after attacks on security zone

DAVID RUDGE

IAF WARPLANES struck at Hizbullah targets in south Lebanon yesterday afternoon following further fighting in the security zone over the weekend.

The army spokesman said the planes attacked terrorist targets in the Jabal Soudj area of the Iqlim al-Toufah region, north of the security zone.

The pilots reported accurate hits on the targets, and all the planes returned safely to their bases, the spokesman said.

Reports from Lebanon said the jets fired four rockets at Hizbullah bases in the Louwaizeh area, a movement stronghold.

The area is reported to be used by Hizbullah gunmen as a base for preparing and launching attacks against IDF and SLA targets inside the security zone.

The air raid followed an incident earlier in the day in which gunmen fired mortars, machine guns and RPG's at two South Lebanese Army positions in the Shomriya region, in the zone's eastern sector.

There were no casualties among the troops manning the posts and IDF and SLA gunmen returned

fire.

Some reports from Lebanon claimed that an SLA soldier was killed in an attack on an SLA patrol in the same region, but there was no confirmation of this from other sources.

According to reports from Lebanon, Hizbullah's rival, the Amal movement claimed responsibility for the long-range attacks on the two SLA outposts.

The organization has been steadily increasing its activities in the past two weeks. Amal has claimed responsibility for at least four operations so far this month - almost twice as many as its monthly average in the past year or so.

There was also fighting in the zone on Friday, when mortars were fired at an SLA position in the Jezzine enclave region in the eastern sector of the zone in the morning. Later, in the afternoon, another SLA post in the Rehan region also came under mortar fire.

There were no casualties in either of the incidents and in both cases IDF and SLA gunmen returned fire.



French President Jacques Chirac and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat hold a press conference on the steps of the Elysee Palace in Paris on Friday after their hour-long meeting. (AP)

Chirac: Israel should respect deal

ELDAD BECK and news agencies

PARIS - Saying force cannot guarantee security, French President Jacques Chirac and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat admonished Israel on Friday to respect the Middle East peace accords.

"We understand the security concerns of Israel, but security isn't guaranteed by force," Chirac said.

The two spoke to reporters after meeting for more than an hour in the presidential Elysee Palace.

Immediately after their press conference, Chirac made a 30-minute telephone call to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu to convey Arafat's "anxiety and preoccupation" with the crisis, presidential spokeswoman Catherine Colonna said.

Chirac urged Netanyahu not to waste any more time in renewing the peace process with the Palestinians, and encouraged the prime minister to take concrete measures to rebuild confidence between Israel and the Palestinians.

Chirac informed Netanyahu about the content of his 90-minute meeting with Arafat, emphasizing that he found the Palestinian leader very worried about the future of the peace process.

"Without respecting agreements already signed, there will be no peace, and without peace there will be no security," Chirac told Netanyahu, according to

Colonna.

According to French sources, Netanyahu had promised Chirac that he would do his utmost to restore tranquility and to reduce tensions with the Palestinians.

The prime minister stressed the importance of the decision made in Washington to hold a continuous dialogue and negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians.

Speaking to journalists after his meeting with Arafat, Chirac said: "In periods of crisis, one has to talk. But it is not enough to talk, one has to take significant actions."

Arafat said he was not demanding impossible things from the Israelis.

"I ask for the application of decisions and treaties that were signed by us and them," he said. "These agreements were not bilateral, they are international, and they will help consolidate the foundations of peace in the Middle East."

"Peace isn't just a Palestinian need, it's also an Israeli need and an Arab demand, an international demand," he said.

"I repeat, before the entire world, that peace must be respected."

Peace Now visits Hebron to express solidarity with Arabs

News agencies

SOME 50 Peace Now activists, writers and intellectuals argued their way past IDF barricades yesterday and visited Hebron to protest the 10-day-old curfew imposed on the city, following the recent violence in the territories.

Peace Now, which organized yesterday's trip at the invitation of Hebron Mayor Mustafa Natshe, changed that the curfew was extended only to keep the Jewish settlers and visitors safe.

Novelist David Grossman said the group came to show solidarity with the Palestinians who were under curfew. "I am ashamed you have been imprisoned in your homes... just so the settlers can hold their celebration outside," he said.

The group's bus was stopped at an IDF roadblock, where they were told the area was closed. They then tried to walk through, but were turned back. The group was let in after promising only to visit with the mayor in City Hall and not go

elsewhere in Hebron.

"I have been in Israel for 48 years, and this is the first time the IDF prevented me from continuing on my path," writer Sami Michael said.

The group met with Natshe, Hebron Mayor Mohammed Milhem and council members from the two cities. At the meeting, Natshe said the peace process was at a dangerous crossroads and called on Israel to redeploy.

Noam Anon, spokesman for the Hebron Jewish community, said on Army Radio the recent violence proved it would be "insanity to bring armed Palestinian policemen into Hebron."

Last night thousands attended a Peace Now rally in Jerusalem's Zion Square to urge Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu to make progress in the Erez talks, that begin today. Yuval Rabin, the son of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, addressed the crowd.

Four killed, 10 hurt in weekend road accidents

FOUR people were killed and 10 others hurt, nine seriously, in accidents over the weekend.

Hagit Mizrahi, 18, from Kiryat Yam, and Moti Vaknin, 20, of Migdal Ha'emek, were killed yesterday afternoon when their all-terrain vehicle overturned in the Balfour Forest, near Migdal Ha'emek.

Samouki Katook, 23, a Thai worker employed by Kibbutz Beit Oren, was killed Friday night in a hit-and-run accident. A car hit him and his friend, who were riding bicycles. The friend, who works at Kibbutz Nir Etzion, was seriously injured.

Haim Rahamin, 23, of Kiryat Ata, was killed early yesterday morning when the car he was riding in hit a tree.

The driver of the car and four other passengers were seriously injured.

On the Malkishua road that descends from Mount Gilboa, a motorcyclist lost control of his bike and hit a boulder. He was seriously injured.

A five-year-old boy was seriously injured Friday morning when a car hit him near the Oranit Junction.

In non-road accidents, a hang-glider suffered moderate injuries yesterday upon landing in the Beit Rimon area in the Jezreel Valley and a 30-year-old bather was critically injured yesterday afternoon when he was hit by a jet-ski off Netanya's Poleg Beach.

A total of 461 people have been killed on the roads this year.

US military chief postpones visit

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

CHAIRMAN of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. John Shalikashvili has indefinitely postponed a visit to Israel scheduled to begin today, the IDF and US officials said.

Shalikashvili was to have taken part in a series of briefings and it is not clear if the postponement was due to the situation in Israel or for US military-related considerations.

The IDF confirmed that Shalikashvili had postponed his visit, and referred all further queries to the US Embassy in Tel Aviv, which also confirmed the US military chief was no longer coming.

Embassy sources said Shalikashvili, who has visited Israel about once a year for a briefing on the aspects of bilateral relations, was postponing his visit in order not to place an added burden on his host, the IDF, at this sensitive time.

In a related matter, the Netherlands' defense minister arrives today for an official three-

day visit, the first by a Dutch defense minister since the country gave Israel anti-Scud Patriot missiles during the 1991 Gulf war.

Jaris Jacob Voorhoeve is to be greeted by his Israeli counterpart and full IDF honor guard at the Defense Ministry in Tel Aviv this morning, after which he will participate in a panel discussion with top defense officials.

It is his first visit to Israel since assuming the post in August 1994. Defense Ministry officials said they hope to expand the defense-related links between Israel and the Netherlands. Both country's military commanders and defense ministry heads have held reciprocal visits.

During his visit, Voorhoeve is to meet with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine. Dutch forces currently serve as peace observers on the Golan Heights.

Voorhoeve will also visit Tel Aviv University's Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies.

Telephone, Cellcom to get additional frequencies

JUDY SIEGEL

COMMUNICATIONS Minister Limor Livnat agreed to allocate extra bandwidths to the two cellular phone companies, Pelephone and Cellcom, to improve the quality of their service to subscribers, it was announced last night.

In exchange, the company general managers committed themselves to significantly increase the number of cellular transmitters around the country.

In addition, in order not to over-

burden the infrastructure, the companies will each limit the number of new subscribers until the end of 1996 to 60,000.

The ministry, after consulting with several experts, is preparing objective standards for examining the quality of cellular phone service.

It will also conduct a survey of Pelephone and Cellcom subscribers to assess satisfaction and problems.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Thousands participate in second hakafot
Thousands of people joined Tel Aviv Mayor Rouni Milo and the city's Chief Rabbi Haim David Halevy for second hakafot at Tel Aviv's Rabin Square last night.

Similar celebrations were held throughout the country.

In Hebron, thousands of people attended the hakafot in solidarity with the Jewish residents against IDF redeployment. *tim*

Embassy denies Shamir taken ill in Paris
The Israeli Embassy in Paris denied yesterday that former prime minister Yitzhak Shamir had become ill during a visit to the city, saying he was fine and sticking to his schedule.

Aides had said that Shamir, who turns 81 on October 15, was giving an interview to a French television station at his hotel when he suffered a drop in blood pressure on Friday. He canceled a news conference and was reportedly examined by a doctor.

An embassy spokeswoman said, however, that staff had met Shamir and he was "indignant" at the report. "He was not taken ill, he just didn't want to give the news conference," the spokeswoman said. *Reuter*

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negotiations, achieving political gains there, and not through violence," he said, according to a government press release.

Last week's White House summit almost completely broke down when Arafat phoned Christopher and threatened to bolt, US officials are quoted as saying in the forthcoming edition of *US News and World Report*.

After a 6:15 a.m. phone call on Wednesday morning complaining that Netanyahu's positions were harder in Washington - including in overnight consultations, than they were before the summit - Arafat threatened to leave.

To prevent this, Christopher convened top officials on both sides in a bid to extract concessions from Netanyahu, but to no avail. Nonetheless, Arafat was persuaded to stay.

In Gaza yesterday, some 30,000 Palestinians welcomed Arafat home.

The crowd lined the road from

APOLOGY

Various statements have recently appeared in the media concerning the policy of the Home Center chain regarding the employment of immigrants from the CIS. The background for these statements was an internal letter sent by the managing director of the chain, containing expressions that might be interpreted as opposing the employment of such immigrants.

The management of Home Center and the managing director of the firm, Aharon Medan, wish to clarify that such expressions are totally opposed to the policy of the chain. We wish to apologize to anyone who may have been hurt or offended by these expressions as they appeared in the document, particularly immigrants from the former Soviet Union. There is no place for expressions of discrimination in Israeli society.

There is not and will not be discrimination against any employees of the Home Center chain on the basis of origin. The chain will continue to encourage the absorption of new immigrant employees as it has done over the years. In fact, according to data from August 1996, about 40% of the employees in the Home Center branch in Haifa are immigrants from the CIS. In the chain as a whole, out of a total of 550 employees, Home Center today employs some 130 immigrant workers from the CIS states.

We are proud of our chain. We will continue to act in the future to meet the goals which we have set for ourselves, including our investment in the dedicated employees who have made Home Center what it is today.

We express our deep and sincere pain over this incident. Home Center will examine the matter and make certain that no one has been fired due to their background. We have taken all steps required to prevent repetition of such incidents in the future.

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Bosnia parliament opens without Serbs

SARAJEVO (Reuters) - Moslem and Croat legislators opened Bosnia's new inter-ethnic parliament yesterday, ignoring a boycott by Serbs who refused to swear an oath to Bosnian statehood.

International mediators failed to broker a compromise that would satisfy hardline nationalist Momcilo Krajisnik, the Serb member of the elected three-man presidency, and the 10 Serb parliament members.

After delaying the ceremony for several hours, Croat and Moslem deputies held the first session without the Serbs. As foreign dignitaries looked on at Sarajevo's national theatre, they signed an oath of loyalty to the Bosnian constitution.

Krajisnik and the 10 Serbs refused

to sign because the oath obliges members to swear loyalty to Bosnia as a unitary state, a concept which they have bitterly opposed.

"I commit myself to support and defend the constitution of Bosnia-Herzegovina," the oath read in part. It also called for defending the equality of national communities and "to fully respect the peace agreement."

Croat and Moslem deputies decided to hold the session to show solidarity and support for the peace process, said Duncan Bullivant, a spokesman for the international High Representative to Bosnia, Carl Bildt.

He described the Serb stance as "puerile and ridiculous, but, in the absence of the Serbs, the legal

weight of the session remained unclear.

Although Moslem and Croat deputies signed an oath of office, Bullivant said the proceedings could not be considered an inauguration without the Serbs.

The three-member presidency, which has met once, had also been due to be inaugurated on Saturday. Bildt's office said the body already had legal powers and the proceedings had been meant purely as a "ceremonial" ratification.

Two members of the presidency, the Moslem chairman, Alija Izetbegovic, and Kresimir Zubak, a Croat, sat on the theatre stage next to an empty chair reserved for Krajisnik.

Taleban advances into Panjsher valley

JEREMY WAGSTAFF
GOLBAHAR, Afghanistan

AFGHANISTAN'S hardline Islamist Taleban militia launched a major assault on the Panjsher valley stronghold of former government military chief Ahmad Shah Masood yesterday, taking two hills at the entrance to the valley, witnesses said.

As helicopter gunships, anti-aircraft batteries and BM-21 rocket launchers pounded Masood's defenses, turban-clad warriors clawed their way up onto the newly-captured hills.

"We have already advanced and God willing we will take the whole valley," Mullah Raz Mohammed Ali Jay, a Taleban commander, told Reuters.

Taleban fighters marched past the narrow entrance to the rocky gorge that leads into the valley, but took cover or retreated as

Masood's forces fired back with ZU-23 anti-aircraft guns.

The attack, the first on the valley since the Taleban took over the capital Kabul with little fighting just over a week ago, began before dawn as fighters launched volleys of rockets on well-entrenched positions inside the winding gorge.

The Taleban have won control of about three-quarters of the country in the two years since the movement was born in religious schools in refugee camps in Afghanistan.

Taleban leaders had told Masood to surrender or be cleared out of the valley to

which he retreated in disarray after the Sunni militia, composed mainly of ethnic Pashtuns, took Kabul.

There has been no reply from Masood, who defended the mainly Tajik-populated valley against Soviet forces who backed a communist government in Kabul during the 1980s.

Soviet forces used bombers and helicopter landings in vain attempts to capture the Panjsher in battles that won Masood a name as one of the best guerrilla generals in the 13-year war against the communist government.

He became defense minister in the guerrilla government that ousted the one led by former president Najibullah in 1992, three years after Soviet forces quit Afghanistan. (Reuters)

EU leaders call for treaty talks to move apace

DUBLIN (Reuters) - European Union leaders, seeking to reinvigorate talks on the bloc's future, pledged again yesterday to complete a new treaty by the middle of next year and rejected any idea of scaling back its scope.

At a special summit called to discuss the treaty talks, leaders of the 15-nation bloc also said they wanted the EU to play an enhanced role in the Middle East peace process.

But the summit was dominated by fears among leaders that their plans for reforming the bloc to accept new countries from eastern Europe and the Mediterranean were on shaky ground.

The leaders emerged from an afternoon of discussions confirming that they want the talks, known formally as the inter-governmental conference (IGC), to finish by June 1997 and to be substantial.

"There was agreement... to reaffirm and keep to the timetable. There was also a need, generally expressed, to reaffirm the ambitions of the IGC," EU president Ireland's government spokesman said.

Leaders were at pains to deny they were scaling down their ambitions, after speculation prompted by German Chancellor Helmut Kohl's comments that more reforms would be needed to EU institutions even after the current treaty talks.

"We have to get the EU ready for enlargement. This won't be possible without getting results at the IGC," German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel told reporters.

But Austrian Chancellor Franz Vranitzky noted that what the IGC achieved was more important than when it finished.

"June 1997 is a desirable and realistic target but not at the cost of substance," he told reporters.

British Prime Minister John Major's Conservative government is opposed to many of the changes being floated at the IGC, notably anything that smacks of a loss of sovereignty.

At the summit, Major was said to be furious about comments from European Parliament President Klaus Haensch that Britain was out of step with Europe and had conducted blackmail during the "beef war" over mad cow disease earlier this year.

Bruton 'saddened' by Paisley's 'Hitler' jibe

DUBLIN (Reuters) - Irish Prime Minister John Bruton said yesterday that he was disappointed by a remark from hardline Northern Ireland Protestant leader Ian Paisley comparing his government to Adolf Hitler's.

"I heard those remarks, and I was saddened and disappointed at the tone of his remarks," Bruton told reporters at the one-day European Union summit in Dublin.

The Irish leader was expected to hold talks later in the day with British Prime Minister John Major to try to revive an Anglo-Irish peace process under attack from the province's rival guerrilla armies and politicians.

A renewed campaign by IRA guerrillas fighting to end British rule of the province and speculation of a cease-fire breach by Protestant "Loyalist" gunmen battling to stay British has cast the talks into unprecedented crisis.

Bruton said the talks were the "first time in the history of the province that all parties are eligible to take part in" and represented the best chance of forging a settlement to the 27-year political and sectarian conflict.

Paisley, the most vociferous critic of Ireland's involvement in the peace process, caused a storm on Friday with a remark aimed chiefly at his domestic rival, Ulster Unionist Party (UUP) leader David Trimble.

Paisley said Trimble's talks with the Irish government on ways to get guerrillas to surrender arms were "akin to talking to Hitler about the annihilation of the Jews."

Rivalry between the two leaders of the pro-British Protestant majority in Northern Ireland has dogged the peace talks.

Paisley fears that Britain's decision to include Ireland as joint sponsor of the talks will give Dublin leverage to carry out a constitutional claim to Northern Ireland and its people.

He has in the past accused successive Dublin governments of being spokesmen for Sinn Fein, the political wing of Irish Republican Army guerrillas.

Bruton and Major are expected to state that the Belfast peace talks, from which Sinn Fein is barred until there is a new IRA cease-fire, are the best hope for a lasting settlement.

Cray, father of supercomputer, dies

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado (Reuters) - Seymour Cray, known as the father of the supercomputer, died yesterday nearly two weeks after suffering serious injuries in a car accident, a hospital spokeswoman said. He turned 71 on September 28. Cray is credited with developing the first fully transistorized supercomputer in 1958, and after he formed his own company bearing his name in the 1970s, his name became synonymous with cutting-edge technology. Cray's place in the history books is assured, said Norris Parker Smith, editor-at-large of HPC Wire, an on-line publication that tracks the high-performance computer industry.



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11th victim of suspected Legionnaires' Disease in Spain dies

THE death of a 94-year-old woman brought to 11 the number of people killed in a pneumonia outbreak whose origin has experts baffled.

The latest victim, whose name was not released, died late Friday, according to the Prince of Asturias Hospital, where 200 of the victims have been taken.

Elderly people have mostly been the victims of the outbreak that began in late August in the town of Alcala de Henares, 25 kilometers northeast of Madrid. It was apparently spread through the water system.

"Everybody around here is worried, especially us old people. There have been so many deaths, you just don't know who's next," said 72-year-old Jose Martin Lopez, who lives in a senior citizen's home.

At least 10 people have been

CIARAN GILES
ALCALA DE HENARES, Spain

hospitalized since Thursday. About 200 have been admitted to the hospital in the town of 165,000. Many were released after treatment with antibiotics. Forty-one were inpatients yesterday.

Health authorities from Madrid said Friday that they found bacteria similar to that causing Legionnaires' Disease in air conditioning systems and water deposits in town.

Chlorination of the town's water supply has been increased and residents are being urged to disinfect their faucets and shower heads with vinegar, and to take baths instead of showers. A person can be infected by inhaling shower mist contaminated by the bacteria. Companies are being advised to have air conditioning systems cleaned.

The theory that the outbreak is pneumonia caused by Legionnaire's Disease, which tests indicate may be the case, "is highly likely," but other possibilities are not being ruled out, hospital director Roberto Collado was quoted as saying in newspapers yesterday.

A former senior health official with the Madrid regional government was quoted in the leading daily *El Pais* as saying the outbreak was not Legionnaire's Disease.

"I can assure you that up to today (Friday) there are no criteria, neither clinical nor bacterial, to affirm that the outbreak is from Legionnaires'," Dr. Pedro Sabando, a specialist in bacteria studies, said after analyzing reports on the outbreak given to him by health authorities in the town. (AP)



Triple murder suspect Michael Burton, right, puts his gun to his mouth while holding onto hostage Sherman Harris, center, as police try to arrest him in Philadelphia on Friday. Moments later Harris wrestled the gun way from Burton, 22, and police wounded and apprehended him. Harris was unhurt. (AP)

Stakes high as Clinton, Dole prepare to face off All the president's men fear the unknown

PRESIDENT Bill Clinton will look to buttress his lead while Republican Bob Dole strives to reverse the direction of the campaign when the two face off tonight in the first presidential debate of 1996.

With Clinton holding a double-digit lead in the race for the past six months, time is running out for Dole. The two debates, in Hartford, Connecticut, today and in San Diego on October 16, probably represent his last chances before Election Day, November 5.

"Dole has yet to convince the public he should be taken seriously as a full credible presidential contender," said Robert Holsworth, a political scientist with Virginia Commonwealth University.

Dole is likely to attack Clinton as a liberal disguised as a moder-

ate who raised taxes and allowed the government to grow. He may also obliquely seek to play on voters' doubts about the president's character.

But Dole must be careful not to come on too strong. He has been trying to live down a reputation for being mean since his performance in a vice presidential debate 20 years ago.

Senior White House adviser George Stephanopoulos said Dole's dark side would come out in the 90-minute encounter, in which the two candidates will answer questions from sole moderator Jim Lehrer of the Public Broadcasting Service.

"The preconceptions about Bob Dole are that he's the dark, dour Darth Vader candidate. In the end, when you're under the lights, you revert to form and that's going to

ALAN ELSNER
WASHINGTON

be what he does. He's going to come back and slash," said Stephanopoulos.

Dole, who has surprised reporters with his good spirits despite his deficit in the polls, has joked about his debating abilities or lack of them all week, suggesting that he should be seen the winner just for showing up.

At one campaign event last week Dole told reporters he didn't know how he would fare against Clinton, but added in a typical scorching aside, "If I can find Hartford, I'll do alright."

Clinton, who spent much of last week hosting delicate Middle East talks, downplayed his own talents on Friday, complaining that he was badly out of practice.

Turning to former Senate Democratic leader George Mitchell, who is impersonating Dole in dress rehearsals, Clinton said: "Tell the truth, George. You beat me like a drum. You kicked me all over the place last night."

Dole has been taking the debate seriously, cutting back on campaign appearances so he could rehearse in mock encounters in which Tennessee Sen. Fred Thompson is playing the part of Clinton.

Dole and his handlers publicly stress that they are up against a masterful speaker in Clinton, while privately they pray their man can establish himself in 90 minutes as a viable alternative.

"Everybody knows how good Clinton is on his feet, but I think Senator Dole's honesty, knowledge and integrity will show through," Thompson said.

With some 79 percent of respondents in a poll by the Pew Research Center this week saying they expected Clinton to win a second four-year term, the president's job may be merely to avoid making mistakes.

The view that the race is already over may lower the television audience for the two debates. In the Pew poll, only 43 percent of voters said they were "very likely" to watch the debates, compared with 67 percent in 1992, when the final debate attracted an audience of 95 million.

Fewer than one third said the debates would matter to them in deciding whom to support. Of those who said they were very likely or somewhat likely to watch the debates, 48 percent said they had already made up their minds on their vote. (Reuters)

RON FOURNIER
WASHINGTON

THEY'RE riding high in the polls, drawing overflow crowds, and can dare to think about four more years. But all the president's men and women are still haunted by nightmares.

Nightmare scenarios, anyway. Body bags from Bosnia. Downed pilots in Iraq. A stock market crash. A lousy debate. Terrorism. Indictments.

What might keep President Clinton or his top aides awake at night? Visions of anything that could tip the political scales.

It's a fear of the unknown, says Clinton spokeswoman Ann Lewis, anxiety about anything "that goes horribly wrong in an area that is not the president's fault, but for which he is accountable."

President Bush must have thought it was a bad dream when prosecutors indicted former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger four days before the 1992 election. Legal papers contradicted Bush's claim that he never knew arms were traded for hostages.

Challenger Bill Clinton said the indictment proved that the incumbent "has not been telling the truth" about the Iran-Contra affair. President Reagan had a fright during his 1984 re-election bid: Verbal stumbles in the first debate raised jarring questions about his fitness at age 73. Reagan recovered in the next debate against Democrat Walter Mondale, issuing a light-hearted pledge never to exploit "my opponent's youth and inexperience."

Nightmares.

In 1976, President Ford blew a late burst of momentum when he insisted there was no Communist domination of Eastern Europe. Watergate was a guillotine over President Nixon's head in 1972, but heads didn't roll until after the election.

"You've just got to be ready for the October surprise, and take it for granted there will be one," historian Stephen Ambrose said. "You just have to stay sober and stay alert so you can deal with them."

Clinton is a proven survivor. He dodged draft-dodging accusations and rumors of womanizing in 1992, plus scores of Whitewater-related troubles at the White House.

"His teflon coating is so thick... I can't imagine anything he has to worry about," said Marlin Fitzwater, press secretary for Bush and Reagan. "I can't imagine any surprise worse than what he's already faced."

Still, presidential advisers and outside observers say there are many nightmare scenarios:

- **FOREIGN POLICY CRISIS:** With more than 15,000 US troops in Bosnia and Saddam Hussein agitating in Iraq, the president can never rest easily. "There are always foreign policy contingencies that can screw you up," said Suzanne Garment of the American Enterprise Institute, a conservative think-tank in Washington.
- **SOUR ECONOMY:** Clinton is riding mostly positive economic numbers. Still, one senior White House official said the scariest thing he can imagine is a stock market plunge. Fitzwater said the prospect of major layoffs kept him up at night in 1992.
- **DEBATE DEBACLES:** President Carter looked silly in 1980 when he quoted his daughter, then 12, on nuclear arms control. Clinton, an artful television performer, could still slip up against Bob Dole. That is why White House negotiators are pushing for a compact debate schedule. If the president messes up, they want a quick return to the spotlight so he can recover.
- **TERRORISM:** Clinton found his voice as mourner-in-chief after the Oklahoma City bombing. He deftly responded to the TWA 800 bombing and the Olympic bombing. But the spilling of American blood in October could make him look weak.
- **PERSONAL SCANDALS:** Rumors and accusations about Clinton's personal life hounded his 1992 campaign, and could crop up in 1996. Mary Matalin, a Republican consultant who worked on Bush's 1992 campaign, regretfully predicted that Clinton has nothing to worry about. "I don't think any scandal would stick to this guy because the ethical standards are so low for him," she said.
- **INDICTMENTS:** The White House does not expect new Whitewater indictments this election season, certainly not against the president or first lady. "I would be very surprised if serious people with their own credibility at stake would go so far in a campaign season," Lewis said.
- Fitzwater said that's exactly how he felt four years ago - until the Weinberger indictment jumped out of nowhere. "It was so overtly political nobody thought it would happen," he said.
- Garment, who specializes in political scandals, said the nightmare may be just beginning: Kenneth Starr, the independent counsel leading the probe, could connect the Clintons to Whitewater wrongdoings after the November 5 election, creating "a pretty miserable second term."
- "Winning the election," she said, "is not always the end of it." (AP)

Noise drives New Yorkers crazy

NEW YORK (Reuters) - New Yorkers can't stand the noise anymore. A telephone hotline set up to help police curb panhandling, prostitution and public drinking has received more complaints about the constant barrage of sound people live with than anything else.

The toll-free, 24-hour line opened two weeks ago as part of a campaign to stop so-called "quality of life" crimes, but 43 percent of the calls have been about noise from car alarms, loud music, roaring trucks, machinery and motorcycles.

Police said yesterday that operators have logged 1,279 calls with 545 complaints about noise and only 79 about panhandlers and 54 each about prostitutes and drinking in public.

Officials have attributed the lowest crime rate in decades to their quality-of-life strategy, which is based on the belief that many people who commit minor offenses go on to perpetrate major crimes.

In establishing the non-emergency telephone line, police asked the public to also report aggressive panhandlers, loiterers at automatic banking machines, illegal dumpers and the so-called "squeegee men" - who approach stationary cars at intersections and wash windshields with rubber implements known as squeegees in expectation of a tip.

For shootings, robberies and other emergencies, New Yorkers still call 911.

Debate over future home for wartime Jewish census

MARILYN AUGUST
PARIS

FROM where they lived and shopped to what they owned, Jews in France during World War II were tracked with the zeal and meticulous care that has characterized French bureaucrats for centuries.

The result was mountains of files that led to relentless persecution of the Jews by the pro-Nazi Vichy regime, and finally, to their deaths in Nazi gas chambers.

Now, more than a half century after the files were compiled, there is an argument over where the files should be stored, and who should see them.

A panel of historians headed by Rene Remond recommended in a recently published report that the lists be handed over to the National Archives.

"The family census offers a short-cut version of the hunt and suffering of Jews in Paris," the commission concluded. "The memory of the nation must assume the totality of its past."

Between 1941 and 1944, 76,000 Jews, including 12,000 children, were arrested by French gendarmes and shipped to death camps in Germany. Only about 2,500 survived.

Some Jewish groups feel the original documents belong in Jewish

hands, not in the National Archives. Serge Klarsfeld, a Nazi-hunter and president of an association of survivors and victims' relatives, wants the 56-year-old files donated to the Center for Jewish Contemporary Documentation on the site of Paris' Memorial to Jewish Martyrs.

Klarsfeld said the center would open the files to the public. The National Archives, he noted, still enforces strict rules limiting access. Historians get in easily, but survivors seeking data on lost relatives are put off, sometimes indefinitely.

"If we put the files back in the Archives, we become accomplices to the executioners," Klarsfeld said. "They wanted to cover their tracks, eliminating all traces of their crimes."

Premier Alain Juppe will decide the future home of the census files this year.

The magnitude of the French mania for census-taking came to light after a census of Parisian Jews surfaced in the Veterans' Affairs Ministry archives in 1991.

The census, actually a collection of different reports, dated from 1940 and had been updated through

August 1944 - two months after the Allies landed in Normandy.

Among them were lists of Jewish men, women and children who had been packed into dozens of cattle cars and shipped to concentration camps from the French-run internment camps outside Paris.

Individual Jews were classified on the basis of nationality, profession and address. Families were listed in another census, annotated with the date of subsequent arrests and deportations - and even escapes.

In 1941, the Jewish affairs minister, Xavier Vallat, became obsessed with Jewish wealth and ordered a census on the basis of possessions.

One list featured Jewish owners of radios, another of bicycles.

But as the population became increasingly mobile, the censuses overlapped. In 1942, Vallat forbade Jews from moving more than five kilometers away.

Few Jews dreamed the census-taking would lead to their destruction and only one in 10 refused to cooperate.

Emmanuel Ewencyzyk, 79, who survived by hiding in the Alps under a false identity, recalled: "We didn't want to break the law, so when we were told to register, we did so." (AP)

Kevorkian renders first aid to hurt bicyclist

WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP, Michigan (Reuters) - The man who has earned the nickname "Dr. Death" for helping people die showed earlier this week he can administer other medical services, too.

Dr. Jack Kevorkian was the first person on the scene of an accident near his home in suburban Detroit

on Tuesday, October 1, and provided first aid to a bicyclist who he said likely suffered a fractured skull after his bike hit a car.

Kevorkian was not happy that his Good Samaritan deed reached the press on Friday.

"I wish this wouldn't get out because you know the kind of jokes that will come," he told the

Oakland Press. "They'll say the guy looked up and thought it was worse than it was."

But Geoffrey Fieger, Kevorkian's attorney, wasn't shy about touting Kevorkian's good works.

"He helps suffering human beings," Fieger told the paper. "If someone's not near death, he helps them too."

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The why behind the whiskers

TELL ME WHY
JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

Why do rodents, cats and other animals have whiskers? Do they help the animal smell? David, aged 12, Jerusalem.

Prof. Burt Kotler, an expert on rodents at Ben-Gurion University's Blaustein Institute for Desert Research at Sede Boker, responds:

Whiskers on rodents, cats and other mammals are scientifically known as sensory vibrissae; as one can understand from the name, these facial hairs sense vibrations. Mammals can smell only with their nose; whiskers have no connection to the sense of smell.

Whiskers are most often found on animals that move about in open spaces at night and search for food. Since they can't see well, when their whiskers touch grasses or other food, they can feel the movement on their face. This is useful even for horses, which have facial hairs that help them find grass. Some burrowing rodents, however, don't have whiskers, as they live in tunnels, and facial hairs touching the sides of the tunnel would only confuse them.

Mammals are a fairly ancient group of animals going back some 210 million years, soon after dinosaurs began to appear. The early mammals were then not a dominant group, but their ability to find food even in darkness was undoubtedly helped by whiskers. These hairs were also the precursors of fur, which, through evolution of the mammals over a long period of time, eventually covered their whole body and provided insulation against cold temperatures. In apes, however, facial hair is apparently a sign of social status, not an aid in finding food.

I saw an open-heart operation on TV. When the heartbeat is stopped so surgeons can work on it, the heart muscle gets no blood. Doesn't this damage the heart? If so, couldn't doctors somehow hold down the heart while it contracts so they could continue to work on it without having to make it stop beating? Rahamin, Bat Yan.

Dr. Nadiv Shapira, a senior heart surgeon at the Jesselson Heart Center of Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital, comments:

Most heart operations require surgeons to stop the heart from beating. It is true that shutting it down would damage the heart muscle, except that we do one or two things to prevent this from happening. First, we keep feeding blood directly to the coronary arteries during the operation, either continuously or intermittently.

Secondly, for operations that go on for only an hour or two, we can give the patient solutions rich in potassium and lower the body's temperature, greatly reducing the heart's metabolism so it needs less oxygen.

It's difficult to perform surgery, especially very delicate work, when the heart is beating. However, there is a new approach that advocates letting the heart continue to beat during simple operations; such surgery is much more difficult technically but may have some benefits. The heartbeat is slowed down during such surgery.

I suffer from chronic back pains. But I've noticed that when I get a toothache, my back stops hurting. What is the explanation? Elaine, Tel Aviv.

Prof. Michael Gumnick of Ben-Gurion University's Zlatowski Center for Neuroscience replies:

Pain is a negative behavior, and in general, people do one behavior at a time. It's very hard to do two at once. For example, if you have a severe headache, it's almost impossible to read a book at the same time. It is true that there are specific neural pathways in the spinal cord and brain and that one pain might overcome another. There is a device called TENS (transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation) that emits a weak electrical current to emit an existing pain. This works by closing a neural "gate" to the pain so the current can go along another pathway. This works at the spinal cord and brain level.

But I think the explanation to your question is more a matter of attention. If your consciousness is engaged on a certain part of your body, such as your aching teeth, you won't be able to pay attention so much to the other part, your aching back. If a person in pain is having an interesting conversation with someone, he will not feel the pain because his attention is fixed elsewhere.

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New system casts red light on car theft

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

Few things that are stolen cause as much anger and anguish to the victim as a car that has disappeared; if it's taken a regulated parking lot, insult is added to the injury. Now a Jerusalem high-tech company has devised an almost-foolproof way to prevent thieves from stealing vehicles from a designated area, and the technology can also be used to eliminate the need to slow for a tollbooth on a toll road and to catch car thieves from driving back to the autonomous areas.

The company, Zamir Recognition Systems Ltd., began as a project in an industrial "incubator" at Patir Research and Development Ltd., the R&D facility attached to the Jerusalem College of Technology (JCT). The college, also known as Machon Lev, combines religious studies with subjects like electro-optics, robotics, lasers and technology management for young men after army service.

Zamir was established in 1991 by physicist Dr. Naphtali Schweiter, a senior JCT lecturer who developed electro-optic systems for civilian and military markets here and abroad and is the author of four patents. He was one of the key innovators responsible for the Marom system, the JCT-developed laser-and-video technique for detecting speeding and tailgating drivers, and the Centurion vehicle-recognition system is one result of that technology.

Zamir general manager Michael Freidson, a Minnesota-born economist who came on aliyah two decades ago, worked for two banks and then was chief financial officer at a Mishor Adammum company when he heard of Zamir. In 1993, Patir managing director Joel Warshavsky suggested that Freidson help the start-up enterprise, supported by the Industry and Trade Ministry's Office of the Chief Scientist, to get off the ground financially. Realizing the potential market for vehicle recognition systems, Freidson enthusiastically got involved, investing some of his own money and obtaining more from private investors.

It is located in a nondescript industrial building next to the Rav-Chen theater complex in the Talpiot quarter - and ironically, its neglected public parking lot, from which a number of cars have been stolen. Freidson notes that abroad, owners of shopping centers and other large enterprises have come to realize that offering a safe place to park is a boon to business. It even pays when access to the parking lot is



Zamir general manager Michael Freidson drives past the Centurion vehicle-recognition system (box-shaped device under sign).

free, he notes. Installing a Centurion unit at the Rav-Chen complex would cost about \$25,000 or \$30,000 and give moviegoers and shoppers peace of mind about their cars while they enjoy themselves.

How does the Centurion system work? Zamir purchases imported cameras, lenses and housings from the Far East and the US, adding to it the company's own special software. In its Talpiot facility employing seven, Zamir assembles the devices in less than two hours and tests them for days. When a car enters a parking area, a camera "reads" the license plate, records the port of entry, screens any undesirable lurking in the shadows and protects the car from being stolen.

The infrared lighting and video camera work in any weather and at any time of day; they register not only the license plates but also the face of the driver. Centurion can recognize any alphanumeric plate and even dirty or somewhat-damaged ones. It does so for any multi-passenger vehicle, from a car to a bus or truck (although not a bicycle or motorbike).

and compares the face of the incoming driver with the license number and the particulars of the vehicle with that of the driver who wants to exit. If these do not match, the gate does not open and the authorities may be alerted. This prevents someone from entering a lot with an old car and trying to "trade it in" for a newer model.

Freidson adds that when a company grants parking space to its employees, the photographs of several family members or others authorized to drive the car can be stored in the computer memory so that all of them can take the vehicle out.

At present, the comparison of the drivers' photos is done by a guard watching a computer console out of view of the driver. He can control access through a number of points, which is much more efficient than one guard at each exit. In the future, it is likely that computers will be sophisticated enough to automatically compare photos of the driver when he enters, and exits, thus reducing the need for manpower even further.

A Centurion system has been operating for some time with much success at Visa's Tel Aviv headquarters' staff and visitors' parking lot. A few weeks ago,

another one was installed at the entrance to Givat Ze'ev north of Jerusalem. Freidson notes that guards of such a settlement can either be very careful, checking everyone who enters and causing long queues, or be lazy, and look only at someone who is "suspicious." With the Centurion on guard, any car driven by a Givat Ze'ev resident (whose license-plate number and photograph are stored in the memory) will get through automatically, while the guard will question all the others.

The system will be a boon for the security forces. The Israel Police recently issued a tender for license-plate recognition systems to detect stolen vehicles at a Gaza checkpoint. They were so pleased with Centurion that the company received an order and has already started to install it. The company is also applying to a tender for scanning vehicles in Barcelona's international airport. "This is a pioneering project," says Freidson, "and will be a model for other airports around the world."

Asked about Ben-Gurion Airport, Freidson says approval of B-G 2000 has not yet been completed, but in any case he is not aware of any concrete plans for securing its parking lot.

"This same technology can be used to keep track of drivers every time they go through a toll booth," says Freidson. "Instead of slowing down for a toll booth on the Trans-Israel Highway, drivers who have subscription tickets could just drive through and have the toll debited from their account." Asked about the issue of privacy, Freidson says that serious attention has not been given here to such issues, including whether technology should be allowed to keep real-time track of where drivers go as they pass toll booths. If such a debiting system is ruled out for reasons of privacy, the system could be based on the purchase of cards worth a certain amount whose value would be reduced each time the bearer passes a toll booth.

Zamir is not the world's only company to develop vehicle identification systems, but Freidson says the whole industry is still in its infancy. "Our system has many advantages, and the market is huge. In five years, I think Zamir's products will be installed in many parking areas, including private residences, toll roads and security facilities, not only in Israel but around the world."

Learning English with 'Peanuts': Who says education can't be fun?

Im Snoopy Ve'Charlie Brown, Kef Le' Sahak Be' Anglit, a Hebrew adaptation by Hed Artzi Multimedia (Or Yehuda) of Virgin Sound and Vision's (Los Angeles) Get Ready for School, Charlie Brown, a CD-ROM for children aged 7 to 12, NIS 179. Rating: Five stars out of five.

For more than 45 years, Charlie Brown has been a pretty luckless, loveless kid. But did you know that the comic-strip character - created by Charles Schulz - has a definite talent for teaching English? This excellent CD-ROM has now been brought to Israel and adapted for Hebrew-speaking youngsters. Full of imagination and the obvious result of much planning, creativity and talent, it uses Peanuts comic-strip characters to painlessly teach more than 1,000 English words and usage in sentences. It is so good that we are pleased to award it five full stars - the highest rating since this column was launched.

The age level given on the package seems somewhat off the mark for Israeli kids: pre-schoolers as young as four or five will benefit from it (even without knowing their ABCs), as will elementary-grade kids through the age of 11 or so. The use of Schulz's beloved kid characters and the original voices from Charlie Brown's TV specials was inspired, as the user immediately feels at home. Charlie explains the software in a fully animated opening English presentation; the Hebrew translation is printed on the bottom of the screen. But even if your pre-schoolers can't read it, they'll have no problem finding their way about.

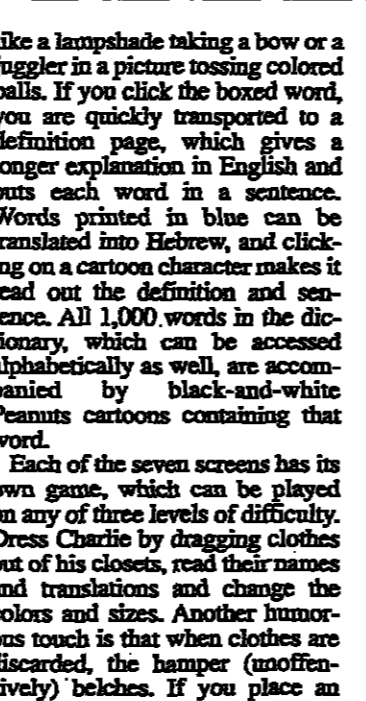
There are seven main screens showing a different part of a day in Charlie's life: it starts with him in bed, awakened suddenly by his sister Sally, who reminds him that school started a week ago. Each screen is full of objects to be clicked; do so and the English word with its Hebrew translation appears in a box below. The selected objects do funny things,

like a lampshade taking a bow or a juggler in a picture tossing colored balls. If you click the boxed word, you are quickly transported to a definition page, which gives a longer explanation in English and puts each word in a sentence. Words printed in blue can be translated into Hebrew, and clicking on a cartoon character makes it read out the definition and sentence. All 1,000 words in the dictionary, which can be accessed alphabetically as well, are accompanied by black-and-white Peanuts cartoons containing that word.

Each of the seven screens has its own game, which can be played on any of three levels of difficulty. Dress Charlie by dragging clothes out of his closets, read their names and translations and change the colors and sizes. Another humorous touch is that when clothes are discarded, the hamper (unoffensively) belches. If you place an item oddly, such as sticking a white beard on Charlie's cap, he will say: "My, that's different!"

A most enjoyable game that one could literally play 1,000 times is a variation of Hangman. Sally presents a number of dashes that must be filled in with letters to make a word; any of the dictionary entries may appear. If you guess wrong, Snoopy - sitting atop his doghouse - will be shot at by the

DISK COVERY
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'Get Ready for School, Charlie Brown' is a fine English-teaching program that features Peanuts cartoon characters.

dreaded Red Baron, and a hole will pierce the house. A correct answer makes the dog pantomime an attack on his "enemy." If you fill in the dashes correctly, the pooch gives Sally a unwelcomed smooch, but if you fail to get the word in nine chances, the doghouse turns to sawdust.

There is a spelling bee, in which Charlie is asked to spell 10 words correctly, and you help him win a medal by dragging the correct letters to their spaces. One minor bug in the program is that when Charlie reads out the spelling, the Hebrew translations partially cover the English words. Another

game requires putting words on a notice board in their correct order. There is an appealing variation of memory games: a board with 16 boxes contains English words and pictures, which you must uncover and match. If you succeed, there is a picture puzzle underneath that must be shuffled around, and this isn't so easy.

Congratulations to Hed Artzi for bringing us this program, which is a compelling way to introduce children to English!

Sod Hamelech (The King's Secret), a Hebrew-language translation of the CD-ROM developed by Tyrex and Rom-Tech, marketed by Bug Multimedia, for children ages 5 and up, NIS 129. Rating: One star out of five

I was puzzled by the suggestions in the software's instruction booklet not to play with it "when you're tired or suffering from lack of sleep," to "make sure the room is well lit and aired," and to "rest at least 10 minutes after each hour of play." But after working on the program for some time, I understood: the disk is so boring, even for five-year-olds, that one is bound to fall asleep in the middle.

The hero of the story is a roly-poly king who says he seems to have everything he wanted - a beautiful queen, a kingdom of loyal subjects - but yet, "something was missing." Through the story, the player is asked to make decisions for the king: speak to the

queen or to his mother about his problems, tour the kingdom in his royal robes or disguised as a poor farmer, etc. If one makes the politically correct choice, the story proceeds; if not, you end up back in the palace.

But whatever choices you make, sooner or later you will end up at the happy ending and find out the king's secret: he found life empty without children. When he returns to the palace, he hugs his wife with his back to the user. Hearts dance around their heads, and one is informed that "nine months later," twin princes were born to them. That's the end of the story. In the meantime, the user is asked to perform dull tasks, such as clicking five or six notes on an on-screen keyboard in imitation of a pre-played tune, or noting what part of the body resembles a balloon (the lungs), an air pump (the heart) and cogs and wheels (the brain??).

On one leg of his kingdom's tour, the king meets up with a weeping woodcutter whose ax has fallen into the river, preventing him from working. The king (if you choose) volunteers to jump into the river and retrieves it for him, and the woodcutter is so moved that he offers it (!!!) to the king, who never identifies himself.

The music isn't bad and some of the animation is pleasant, but the story is pedestrian, the challenges ridiculous and the inevitable happy end tedious. There are better ways to spend NIS 129 on a kid.

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Grapefruit juice is on the menu for transplant recipients

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GRAPEFRUIT juice was recently suspected by the British press of causing death in rare cases when taken with certain drugs for hypertension, allergies and heart disease. Now it has been found that drinking this juice can have a welcome advantage: it increases the concentration of cyclosporine in the blood of patients who must take this very expensive anti-rejection drug.

According to a report in the Hebrew-language *Sikh Update* analyzing an article from the British medical journal *The Lancet*, the effects of grapefruit juice was tested on 14 healthy volunteers who took cyclosporine. A control group took the pills with orange juice or water instead of the grapefruit juice. A day later, the cyclosporine concentration in their blood was tested: those drinking the grapefruit juice had significantly higher levels of the drug than the control group.

Cyclosporine is the most commonly used drug to prevent rejection in organ-transplant recipients, but in recent years, its use has also been prescribed for patients with psoriasis. Since it is very expensive, the possibility of increasing drug concentrations by taking the pills with grapefruit juice is encouraging.

Prof. Michael David, head of the dermatology department at Rabin Medical Center-Beilinson campus, commented on the *Lancet* article that the juice contains flavonoids; these suppress cytochrome 450, which metabolizes calcium-channel blockers, and are also responsible for the metabolism of cyclosporine. However, David noted that the juice apparently does not increase cyclosporine concentration when the drug is taken in its micro-emulsion (neoral) form.

PALESTINIANS TRAIN IN NEGEV
Seventeen senior Palestinian doctors and public health workers recently graduated from a three-week course - the first of its kind - at the Ben-Gurion University in Beerseba. The course, run by Prof. Banya Serub of the epidemiology and health services assessment department at BGU's health sciences faculty, was held in cooperation with the Palestinian Authority and Soroka Hospital. The participants, six from Judea and Samaria and the rest from the Gaza District, were hosted during the course in the university's student dorms.

Funded by the US Consulate and the Rich Foundation in Switzerland, the intensive, advanced course dealt with management of health systems and promoting public health. It

put special emphasis on applied epidemiology, identification of public health problems (including high-risk groups) and intervention. Senior Soroka and BGU doctors held workshops for small groups, in which specific medical problems were raised. BGU is the first academic institution to hold advanced training courses for Palestinian health workers.

WHO'S WHO IN HEALTH

The first-ever national directory on health and medicine will be published by a commercial company in January. The 600-page directory will include listings of a large variety of individuals and organizations in the field, from hospitals and clinics to doctors and health insurance companies.

The guide, which has the blessing of the Health Ministry, is being published by the Silver Screen company in Tel Aviv. It can be ordered at nominal cost from the toll-free number 177-022-4270.

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Security first

THE government is entering the Erez talks this morning with some eminently sensible proposals on security. Now, it must make sure that it sticks to these demands.

The most important of these proposals is that in areas where there is unavoidable proximity between Israeli and Palestinian forces, such as Hebron and Joseph's Tomb, Palestinian policemen should be forbidden to carry any weapon more powerful than a pistol.

It is hard to understand why Labor did not insist on this provision for all Palestinian policemen during the original Oslo agreements. As one official in Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office noted, a policeman has no need for Kalashnikov rifles. It is only an army—something which Labor insisted was not being created—that needs automatic weapons.

Now, it would be politically impossible for the government to do what Labor should have done in the first place, and insist that the entire 45,000-strong Palestinian army be allowed pistols only. However, it is possible to insist on this in a few selected places, such as Hebron, Joseph's Tomb and the Karni crossing in Gaza, and the government is wise to do so. Labor's original theory was that the PA police would use its automatic weapons, not against Israelis, but against Hamas terrorists. Now that that theory has been tragically disproved—at a cost of 15 Israeli and dozens of Palestinian lives—it is clear the PA police cannot be trusted with Kalashnikovs so close to the IDF.

The government's second proposal is that the agreement on Hebron be renegotiated to allow the IDF to command some of the high places surrounding the Jewish settlements there. As reserve colonel Moshe Givati, a former brigade commander in Hebron, noted, the need for this was made eminently clear by the battle over Joseph's Tomb 10 days ago.

In Joseph's Tomb, the army has no strategic depth. It is stationed literally on top of the buildings it meant to guard. As a result, it was quickly overwhelmed when the Palestinian Police assaulted its positions. Indeed, the army, with the consent of Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, originally decided to authorize a retreat, and changed its mind only because negotiations with the PA over the retreat could not be concluded quickly.

The lesson to be learned from this battle, Givati said, is that the Jewish settlements in Hebron, like the Jews at Joseph's Tomb, will be indefensible if the army is stuck guarding them from their own rooftops, as the original agreement prescribes. Instead, he said, the army must demand a "security zone" of several hundred meters around the Jewish areas, and control of some of the strategic hills around the city.

These are things which are not currently in the agreement, but the recent violence has made them irrefutably necessary. The government must therefore remain firm on these points.

Finally, the government is proposing that there be a kind of demilitarized zone between areas A and B, which armed Palestinian policemen would not be allowed to enter. The purpose of

this DMZ would be to reduce the potential for conflict between Israeli and Palestinian forces.

If implemented properly, such a zone could be helpful. However, it is critical that the entire DMZ be carved out of Area A, which is the area controlled by the Palestinian Police. Reducing the region in which the Palestinian Police can move freely with their weapons would send a sharp message to Yasser Arafat that violence does not pay. In contrast, turning part of Area B into a DMZ would reward the Palestinians for their use of violence. The Palestinians' goal is to eliminate the presence of the IDF in Judea and Samaria, and turning part of Area B, where the army now operates freely, into a DMZ would contribute to that goal.

All of these proposals will involve making changes in already-signed agreements. They can therefore be expected to arouse the ire of both the Palestinians and the international community, who will insist that signed agreements must be honored to the letter. The prime minister must therefore remind the world that these changes are necessitated by the severe Palestinian violations of these agreements. Compliance is something which can be demanded of both sides or of neither, but it cannot be demanded of one side only.

Prior to the elections, candidate Netanyahu ranted home the point that the PLO covenant has still not been amended, even though Arafat promised to do so as part of every one of the three agreements he has so far signed with Israel. He also stressed the fact that the PA has not extradited a single wanted terrorist to Israel, which it is also obligated to do. Numerous other violations—ranging from Arafat's repeated calls for a jihad against Israel to the failure to disarm Hamas terrorists—were also brought up by candidate Netanyahu.

The shooting war Arafat instigated against Israeli troops 10 days ago is only the latest violation of his September 1993 promise that the PLO "commits itself to a peaceful resolution of the conflict... [and] renounces... acts of violence." Let anyone forget, the assaults on Israeli positions were not a spontaneous uprising of the Palestinian street. Two days before the riots began, Arafat made a speech calling on Palestinians to "fight for the cause of Allah, and kill and be killed." The morning the rioting started, the PA cabinet okayed "escalation by all means" in the territories, in the words of Finance Minister Mohammed Nashashibi. And many of the attacks were led by the Palestinian Police.

Since his election, however, Arafat's many violations have mysteriously disappeared from Netanyahu's lexicon. An ignorant observer, listening to the prime minister speak, could easily conclude that Arafat has been in perfect compliance, while Israel was simply being unreasonably stubborn about Hebron.

Israel must therefore make it clear that it will honor every part of its signed agreements only when the PA does the same. Until then, the government has no choice but to make those changes which PA violations have made necessary to the country's security.



The devil you know

THE past is dangerous for Palestinians. A people asserting a competing original-national claim to the land, yet whose national consciousness can at most be dated back 50 years, harbors a peculiar if understandable fear—"archaeologophobia."

For each new excavation in the ancient City of David only reconfirms the inevitable fact: Jerusalem was made capital of the Jewish nation in 1000 BCE, and since then served no other people as capital.

The Palestinians know the history; with the fight for Jerusalem soon ahead, no wonder they feel threatened. But newly-facilitated access to ancient Jewish sites would not in itself have sufficed to send thousands of Palestinians to the barricades.

Said Ahmed Tibi, senior Arafat adviser: "It was the straw that broke the camel's back." But what had accumulated on the Palestinian camel until then?

Tibi blames the policies of Binyamin Netanyahu's new government. In characterizing the new premier as a tougher negotiator than his Labor predecessors, Tibi is correct; for that Israel elected him.

But while Netanyahu's first 100 days seemed unsure, confused, and flustered, they also demonstrated pragmatism and moderation.

Witness the historic handshake with Yasser Arafat and reconciliation with the PLO; Netanyahu's commitment to the Oslo accords; his assent to eventual withdrawal from Hebron; his support for US and international aid to the Palestinian Authority—all of these Netanyahu moves defied recent Likud policy, provoking sharp rebuke from many within his own party, government, and coalition.

Add to that the premier's undertakings to both ease the closure and improve the economic situation for Palestinians, and the Tibi argument of an intransigent Netanyahu becomes less and less plausible. What then?

The answer can be found by examining the events, mood, and headlines of the Middle East in

HILLEL NEUER

the days preceding the Palestinian riots. One dominant theme stands revealed: Israel-baiting.

On the eve of the 23rd anniversary of the Yom Kippur War, Egypt and Syria launched a series of menacing troop movements and bellicose words designed to rattle Jerusalem. Why the unusual bravado? Both

these two aspirants for the pan-Arab throne have spent the past few years dumbfounded as Israel's dramatic concessions in the peace process have been the Jewish state burst out of its 45-year political and economic isolation.

Investors worldwide rushed to gain a foothold in Israel's high-tech economy, and Shimon Peres began speaking of a "New Middle East."

True, the Oslo peace was good for the Palestinians. But a reinvigorated Israel hardly excited Damascus and Cairo, who shared fears of Israeli economic domination. Yet with the most yielding Israeli government in history generating newfound international popularity, there was little either could quite do or say. Much to their chagrin, Israel-baiting in world forums had suddenly become unfashionable, poor taste.

BUT THE election four months ago of a bad old Likud leader restored familiar rules. Right away an Arab conference was convened, and the aggressive language and behavior began.

The new-old attitudes reached their peak when Syria marched thousands of its armed forces toward the border with Israel.

Rhetoric in the state press spoke of the need to "combat Israeli arrogance."

Coincidentally or not, Egypt was at the same time staging the largest military exercise in its history, including amphibious landing exercises simulating a crossing of the Suez Canal. These wargames were code-named "Badr," the name given to Egypt's surprise 1973 offensive against Israel. Lest there be any misunderstanding, Egyptian Defense Minister Mohammed Hussein Tantawi made it clear that in the scenario the enemy was Israel.

These maneuvers were followed by an unprecedented tirade of vilification of Israel and threats waged by senior Egyptian political leaders and government-controlled newspapers.

It was this escalating incitement and beating of war-drums that fueled Arafat's decision to throw in the explosive religious card—deliberately, cynically, and, for too many Palestinians, and Israelis, fatally.

The tactic isn't Arafat's invention. In 1929 the notorious Mufti Haj Amin al-Husseini incited fellow Palestinian Arabs by distributing postcards showing al-Aksa mosque flying the Zionist flag. His propaganda about an imminent Jewish takeover of the Temple Mount was a key factor in that year's massacres of Jews in Jerusalem, Hebron and elsewhere.

Almost exactly six years ago, this same canard spurred masses of Palestinians to attack Jews praying at the Western Wall, resulting in bloody clashes.

The tunnel rioters and those who inflamed them justified their actions on the basis of protecting holy places and freedom of religion.

Some images from the TV news: Valiant defenders of religious rights stone worshippers at the Western Wall; they rampage through Joseph's Tomb and hurled firebombs at Rachel's Tomb.

Truly do the Lord's avengers work in mysterious ways.

The author writes on political affairs.

When a Likud leader was elected four months ago the Arabs breathed a sigh of relief

Potent weapon

STEPHEN BRYEN

WHEN a North Korean mini-submarine struck some rocks 50 feet from Anin beach in South Korea, it was more than just another incident in the ongoing struggle between North and South Korea. Intelligence insiders immediately understood the danger lurking in the dark Korean waters.

Was North Korea preparing to go to war? Would the infiltrators' mission be to blow up a nuclear power station, kill a key government leader, blow up a factory to undermine South Korea's government? A country on the brink of collapse might do anything.

How else to explain the execution-style killing of 11 of the commandos, including the mini-sub's captain?

North Korea has 50 mini-submers in its inventory, some homemade, others purchased abroad. It sells mini-submers to others. Its customers are rogue countries like Iran—the Russians, Chinese, Yugoslavians, Italians and Germans—also heavily promote mini-sub sales. The buyers, you can be sure, are not the good guys.

Miniature submarines are nothing new; they've been around for decades. But navigation and battery technology has improved a lot, giving the submarines the ability to operate over long range and even at night in bad weather, and to carry more weapons and commandos. Miniature submarines are great platforms for moving infiltrators, terrorists and spies around.

Such small submarines are becoming widely available in the Middle East. The PLO has at least two Italian-made mini-submers it got from Libya. These subs were made by the top Italian mini-sub firm, Cosmos. The PLO boats were based at a training facility on Kamaran Island, off Yemen and instructors in commando operations came from East Germany.

Iraq had quite a few before the Gulf war. US inspectors found one hidden inside an Iraqi freighter and another in an old oil tanker. Some of the Iraqi subs were Italian-made, others Yugoslavian.

Before Operation Desert Storm, Iraq had trained some 2,000 combat swimmers and commandos

Mini-submers are becoming widely available in the Middle East—Arafat has at least two

and was able to successfully make deep incursions into Iran. Today, with tension between Iraq and the US growing, one can't discount the use of Iraqi commandos and mini-submers against US ships. This is serious because there is no surefire way to detect a mini-sub.

Iran also bought mini-submers, some from Cosmos, others from North Korea and Germany. The Russians are trying to sell the Iranians their Pyranja mini-submarine. But the Iranians say they are building their own sub.

Construction is taking place in secret by a large lake in Western Iran. Chinese experts are reportedly at the site.

THE BEACHED Korean Sang-o was one of the largest of mini-submers. Some can carry only one or two commandos. The vessel was over 100 feet long and weighed about 350 tons. Most of the vessel was plastic so it could absorb sonar that might reflect off the sub.

The lost Sang-o belonged to a Special Naval Infiltration Unit (SNIU) of the Reconnaissance Bureau of the General Staff Department of the Korean People's Army. SNIU's primary mission is to attack and destroy enemy installations such as nuclear reactors, missiles, and power stations.

Of the 20 man crew, which included the commandos, only one was captured alive. Eleven were killed by other crew members and eight were shot dead in gun battles with South Korean soldiers. The North Korean crew was dressed either in South Korean street clothes (jeans, sneakers), or in South Korean military uniforms.

Before the sub was abandoned most of the secret papers on board were destroyed. One note remained. It reads: "We heroes will in no way die and we'll be back to the homeland with triumphant results."

The writer, a former US deputy under-secretary of defense, served as director of the Near East Subcommittee of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.



Just as we were getting bored with round tires, someone came up with an alternative. These triangular tires, developed by Yabe Motors Co. of Japan, can withstand deep snow, sand or mud, but can't do a thing about heavy traffic. The tires are made with lightweight rubber, and are interchangeable with conventional tires. Starting this month, Isuzu Motors is marketing its Mu Super Runner (pictured) equipped with the bizarre "rubber crawler units" for \$41,600.

(Reuters)

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MYTH-MAKING

Sir, - It has been instructive to watch the creation of yet another Middle East myth, one which in time to come may well be remembered as the straw that broke the back of the Oslo process. The myth: that Israel's opening of an excavated Hasmonean tunnel near the Temple Mount, a blatant attempt to further Judaize a Moslem Arab city, triggered understandable demonstrations which were then brutally crushed by trigger-happy Israelis, finally compelling Palestinian law-enforcers reluctantly to return fire in a bid to save the lives of their people.

The myth-making process was a speedy one. Always ready with a useful quote, the media's Palestinian cover-girl, Hanaan Ashrawi, was hauled from before one television camera to another, to "explain" events for the watching world. She all but called Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert a bare-faced liar for saying Israel had secured an informal

agreement with the Wakf nine months ago to open the tunnel. She molded the fabrication that the tunnel threatened the integrity of the mosques. She launched the lie that PLO police had only fired back after coming under Israeli fire, and merely to protect the "unarmed protesters." And, moving into that doe-eyed mode she knows so well, Ashrawi spoke of holding dying teenagers in her arms.

That the PLO has turned myth-making into a fine art is not surprising. Neither is the fact that the world media have not incisively investigated the real reasons for the violence. After all, bloodshed on dusty streets makes for better footage than does an honest attempt to contextualize. As one network commented on Wednesday night, with ill-concealed glee: "No longer is it stones against bullets; both sides have guns now."

PATRICK GOODENOUGH, Jerusalem

SUPPORT THE PRIME MINISTER

Sir, - The Palestinians started riots which have already claimed more than a dozen dead and many dozens wounded. The alleged cause: the opening of a Hasmonean tunnel, about a yard wide, at a site about half a mile from the Temple Mount, endangering the mosques on the Mount.

The crystal-clear message is: the Palestinians want to deny us any sovereignty in Jerusalem and force our hand into accepting all their claims—ending with the destruction of the hated "Zionist State." What is even worse is the backing they receive from supposed friendly Arab states which signed peace treaties with us.

I strongly believe that the real cause for these reactions is the image of a weak and fearful Israel led by people too old and tired to fight anymore, ready to accept any compromise for a few years of peace. Does this not remind us of "Peace in our Time," nearly 60 years ago?

We happily have a new prime minister, talking another language. Let us support him and his team and not jeer at their slightest mistakes. They might not be perfect, but they give us back some of our pride and a chance of not losing the Zionist dream.

SERGIU SAMUEL, Ramat Gan.

ANIMALS IN NEED

Sir, - We, the volunteers of the Beersheba chapter of the animal humane society, named after Nellie Lebedinsky, turn to your readers for urgent financial assistance.

Ours is the only humane society in the entire area of the Negev, from south of Rehovot to an area just north of Eilat. A very large proportion of the population has no awareness and is generally unenlightened regarding the needs of animals. Stray cats and dogs, sometimes a few days old, are found in the streets and in sewage pipes (in an attempt to drown them). We find sick, pregnant, tortured and hungry animals.

We face a daily struggle to survive. Former sources of funding have been cut off or have dwindled down to a minimum. We are in need of funding for basic things, such as food and the provision of veterinary services.

Readers who care and are willing to give a standing bank order for as little as NIS 25 and upwards per month, or to offer a one-time donation, should write to Tzar Ba'alei Haim, P.O. Box 5023, Beersheba 84150.

ELI SROR, Chairman, Beersheba Humane Society Beersheba.

MEDIA HYPOCRISY

Sir, - I'd like to know why the comments in the hardi press against Chief Justice Barak are considered dangerous incitement, but articles like Larry Derfner's column of September 19 inciting hatred against an entire segment of the population, is OK.

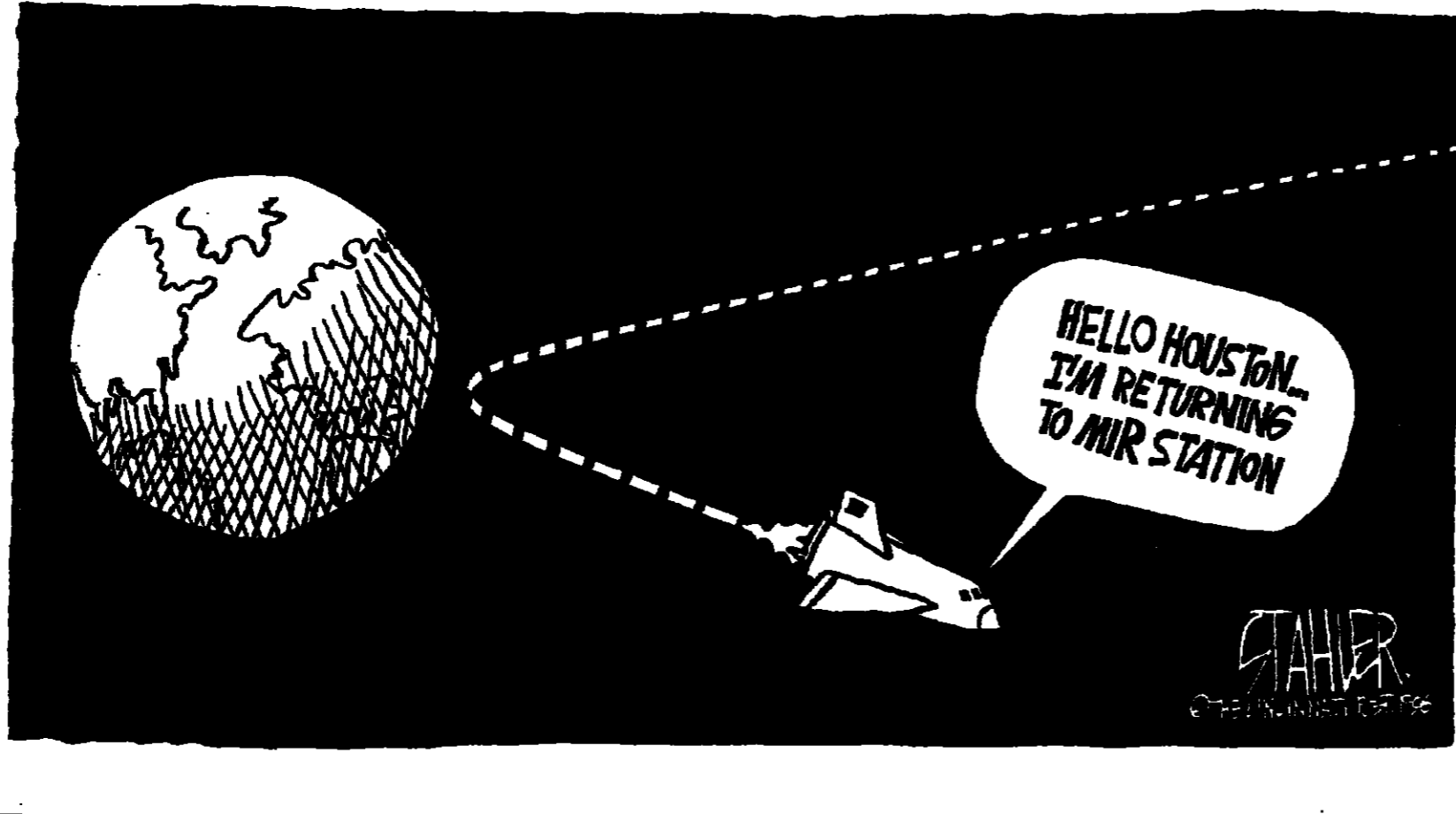
Your paper likes to editorialize about civility in public discourse, but when it comes to the hardim, it recognizes no such thing. You're nothing but a bunch of hypocrites.

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Affirmative Action

Women become the chosen minority

BY JEFFREY ROSEN

For those of us who think the affirmative action wars should be settled at the ballot box rather than in the courts, this is supposed to be the moment of truth. In little more than a month, the people of California will vote on a constitutional initiative that would bar the state from discriminating, or granting preferences, based on race or sex, in public employment, education or contracting. And, on Sept. 18, the House Small Business Committee held hearings on a bill that would repeal the mother of all federal affirmative action programs, the 8(a) program, which last year set aside about \$5.8 billion in federal contracts for small businesses owned by certain minorities. Unfortunately, opponents of both proposals have managed to avoid a debate on the merits of affirmative action for minorities by playing on the fears of a politically powerful majority: women.

At the House hearing recently, I was flattered to be invited to testify about the constitutionality of the 8(a) program, in light of the Supreme Court's Adarand decision. Alas, the proceedings didn't quite live up to the Madisonian ideal. The Democrats yelled at the Republicans. The members yelled at the witnesses. Rep. Maxine Waters of California yelled at everyone, including the spectators. And the debate itself was literally one-sided. In the morning, seven Republicans showed up to profess their ambivalence about the bill, while 14 Democrats declared themselves unalterably opposed. After the noon recess, the Republicans fled the hearing room, leaving the right side of the bench entirely empty. The bill's grandmotherly sponsor, Chairwoman Jan Meyers of Kansas, sputtered at her colleague's betrayal, but in the movement to end, not mend, affirmative action, she, like Custer, was left to stand alone.

Rather than end small business set-asides, Democrats and Republicans fell all over themselves to extend them — to women. During the 1980s, the Small Business Administration rejected petitions to add women, along with Hasidic Jews, disabled veterans and Iranians, to the list of groups eligible for set-asides, while bowing to the more effective lobbying of Asian Indians, Tongans, Sri Lankans and Indonesians. Pressed by both Meyers and the Democrats to correct this shameful example of patriarchal hegemony, Philip Lader, the head of the Small Business Administration, announced that the Clinton Justice Department would soon propose changes to "facilitate women's entry into the 8(a) program." In fact, the Clinton changes would make

it easier for all individuals left off the list of presumptively eligible groups, not only women, to prove that they are victims of "social disadvantage." But Lader, like his questioners, was eager to avoid a debate about class by focusing on gender.

Emboldened by the shifting political tides, Democratic defenders of the 8(a) program refused to engage the logic of recent judicial decisions. In recent months, three federal courts have held that a set-aside program for sub-contractors is not an appropriately narrow remedy, even if the state has a history of discrimination in awarding prime contracts. Confronted with these decisions, Rep. James Clyburn noted that "the Confederate battle flag" still flies over the South Carolina State House, and "that makes a statement for me." But courts have refused to accept general evidence of "societal discrimination" to justify contracting set-asides.

Unfortunately, opponents of both proposals have managed to avoid a debate on the merits of affirmative action for minorities by playing on the fears of a politically powerful majority: women.

While there is little chance Meyers' bill will pass, the California Civil Rights Initiative (CCRI) is another matter. According to a Los Angeles Times poll, 60 percent of likely voters favor CCRI, 25 percent oppose it. But as in Congress, the debate over CCRI has degenerated into an irrelevant sideshow about justice for women.

CCRI contains two clauses that mention sex discrimination. The first, clause (a), says that "The state shall not discriminate against, or grant preferential treatment to, any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in the operation of public employment, public education, or public contracting." The second, clause (c), says that "Nothing in this section shall be interpreted as prohibiting bona fide qualifications based on sex which are reasonably necessary to the normal operation of public employment, public education, or public contracting."

Borrowed from similar language in the Civil Rights Act of 1964, clause (c) was included to allow sex-based distinctions in narrow circumstances that nearly everyone supports. The state

constitution shouldn't require the state to let male prison guards conduct body searches of female inmates, for example, nor should it forbid single-sex sports teams in public universities. For nearly a year, however, Erwin Chemerinsky of the University of Southern California has been arguing that clause (c) would supersede California's current equal protection clause, which the California Supreme Court has construed to say that sex discrimination should be treated just as suspiciously as race discrimination.

Chemerinsky's arguments are tendentious and implausible, even by the standards of partisan debates. Clause (c) says that "nothing in this section" will prohibit bona fide qualifications based on sex. It would have no effect on other sections of the state constitution, such as the equal protection clause, that prohibit sex discrimination. It's similarly farfetched to argue, as Chemerinsky does, that clause (c) would give courts the power to uphold any sex discrimination that they consider "reasonable." If anything, clause (c) might make it easier for the state to discriminate in favor of women, rather than against them, setting up single-sex girls' schools, for example, as a bona fide qualification in public education.

A group of law professors, many of whom oppose CCRI (as I do) because it would reduce the percentage of minority students at Berkeley from 7 to 2 percent, have signed a letter repudiating Chemerinsky's arguments, in the name of "accuracy in public discourse." Unfortunately, public discourse has already been distorted. Democrats who should know better, including President Clinton and Senator Dianne Feinstein, have opposed CCRI on the spurious ground that it would, as George Stephanopoulos put it, "weaken protections against discrimination against women."

In the long run, defenders of affirmative action can only hurt their cause by changing the subject from race to gender. The affirmative action debate in California and in Congress shows the dangers of transforming programs originally targeted at African Americans into a sloppy pork barrel of giveaways for groups that have no moral claim to public compensation. Crude appeals by special interests may convince skittish legislators to preserve programs that have drifted from their moorings. But citizens themselves, in California at least, are unlikely to be so easily fooled.

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Tragic choices are never simple

BY ALAN DERSHOWITZ

What could be an easier ethical question than the following: Should the United States have insisted on the return of all of our soldiers captured by the enemy during the Korean War? Of course, we should have. But newly declassified documents show how the Cold War — and the threat of nuclear conflict — made even the simplest decisions complex, difficult and tragic.

The declassified documents show that President Dwight D. Eisenhower was told right after the end of the Korean War that more than 900 American prisoners had not been turned over by the North Koreans and remained in custody there. According to a former Czech defense official, Russian and Czech personnel in a North Korean hospital subjected some American POWs to drug experiments after which they were summarily executed. Most of the remaining Americans are now presumed dead, though a Defense Department analyst testified in June that he believes as many as 15 Americans are still being held prisoner in North Korea.

Why, then, didn't President Eisenhower — who certainly cared deeply about American soldiers — demand the return of every last live prisoner? Why didn't he tell the American public about this scandal? According to historians of the Korean War, President Eisenhower decided to keep this information secret for fear of "whipping up war hysteria among Americans who would have demanded that the prisoners be returned home." As a congressional investigator who helped gather the documents put it: "In a nuclear age, Eisenhower could not risk telling the Russians or the Chinese that we were willing to go to all-out war to get our prisoners back." He tried back-channel methods but ultimately failed to secure the release of the 610 Army and 300 Air Force personnel.

If this assessment is true, it is yet another example of the kind of tragic choices that confront government leaders when they have to choose among the lives of their own citizens.

If this assessment is true, it is yet another example of the kind of tragic choices that confront government leaders when they have to choose among the lives of their own citizens. The classic example of a tragic choice was Winston Churchill's decision not to tell the citizens of Coventry that British intelligence had broken the Nazi code and had learned that Coventry would soon be bombed. Churchill chose to sacrifice the lives of some British citizens in Coventry to save more British lives by keeping the Nazis from learning that British intelligence was intercepting their most confidential communications on an ongoing basis. As Oliver Wendell Holmes once bluntly put it in defending capital punishment: "All society has rested on the death of men and must rest on that or on the prevention of the lives of a good many (others)." Holmes was, of course, talking about the death of guilty men, whereas President Eisenhower and Prime Minister Churchill were sacrificing the lives of innocent people to protect other innocent people. That, too, is the choice we make when we favor the late-term abortion of a healthy fetus to save the life of a mother.

Those who advocate an absolutist approach to these kinds of choices — such as the great philosopher Immanuel Kant or the Catholic Church — argue that human beings should not be empowered to use other human beings as "means" toward the end of saving other human beings. Only God may make such tragic choices. But in the real world, human beings must choose. To refuse to choose is also to prefer some lives to others. The mother will die if the late-term abortion is forbidden. Other British cities will be bombed if Coventry is warned. Nuclear war may be provoked if the United States seeks to return its POWs by force.

Even those who espouse the absolutist approach are forced to make compromises. The Catholic Church, for example, accepts late-term abortions which are necessary to save the mother's life, but it does so under what is called the "double-effect" principle. The purpose of the abortion is to remove a barrier to the life of the mother, not to end the life of the fetus. The death of the fetus is simply the "unintended effect" of the lifesaving procedure.

How does this all relate to President Eisenhower's decision after the Korean War? Some who justify it would argue that in war, soldiers are sacrificed all the time to save other soldiers or civilians. Others might argue that the intent was not to let the POWs die or remain in captivity; it was to save the lives of the many who would have been killed in the event of renewed warfare. Whichever way one analyzes this tragic choice, it is yet another historic event that demonstrates the complexity of governing in a nuclear world. Painful as the decision must have been for President Eisenhower, if he was correct in assuming that by doing any more he risked nuclear war, it is difficult to quarrel with the choice he made.

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SUNDAY COMICS

Doonesbury

G.B. TRUDEAU

PEANUTS

by SCHULZ

Slip

By JEFF MEYER

Calvin and Hobbes

By BILL WATSON

THE OTHER TEAM IS SETTING YOUR TEAM'S RULES.

NO KIDDING! WHY IS THAT?

TO KEEP IT FROM BEING A BLOWOUT!

RAM, 6 O'CLOCK AND WE GOT A ONE RUN LEAD.

OK, JOHN, IT'S UP TO YOU. GO OUT THERE AND TAKE ONE FOR THE TEAM.

YOU'RE PINCH HITTING A STUPID TURTLE?

YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING.

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TAKE YOUR BASE!

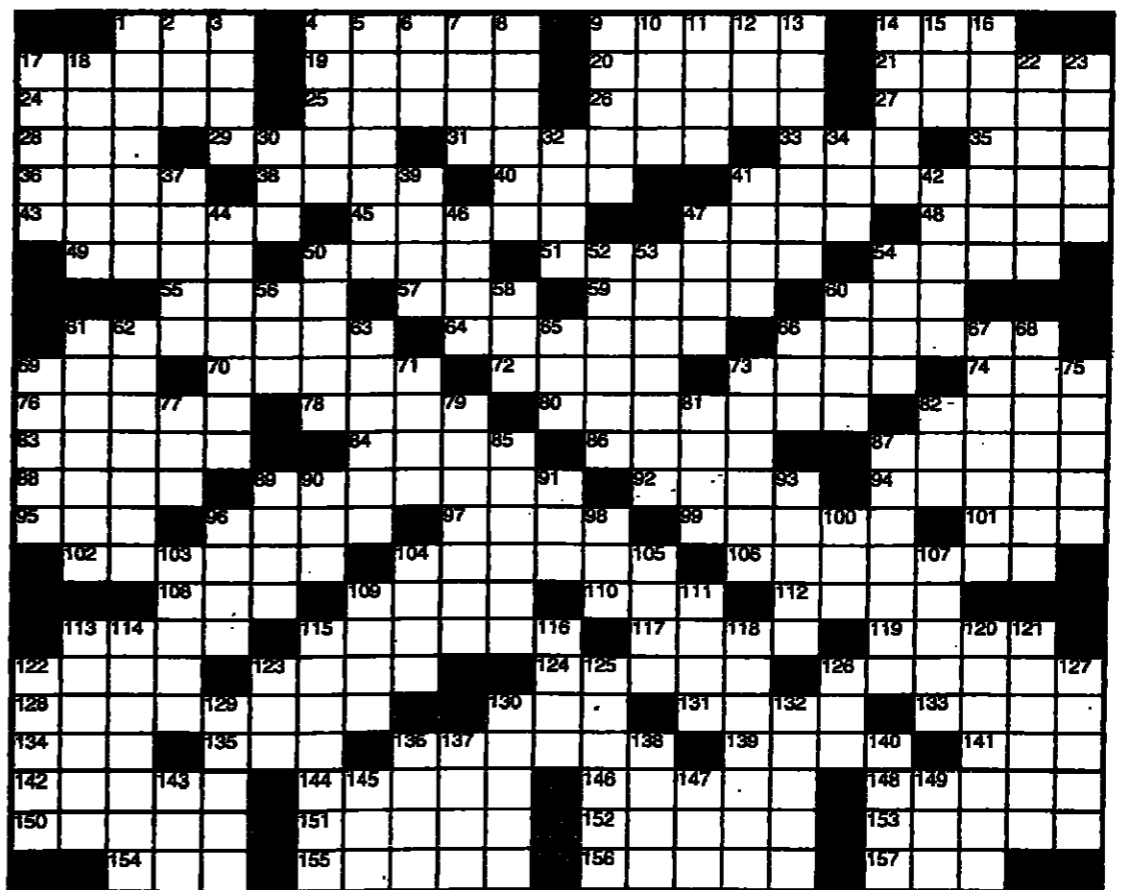
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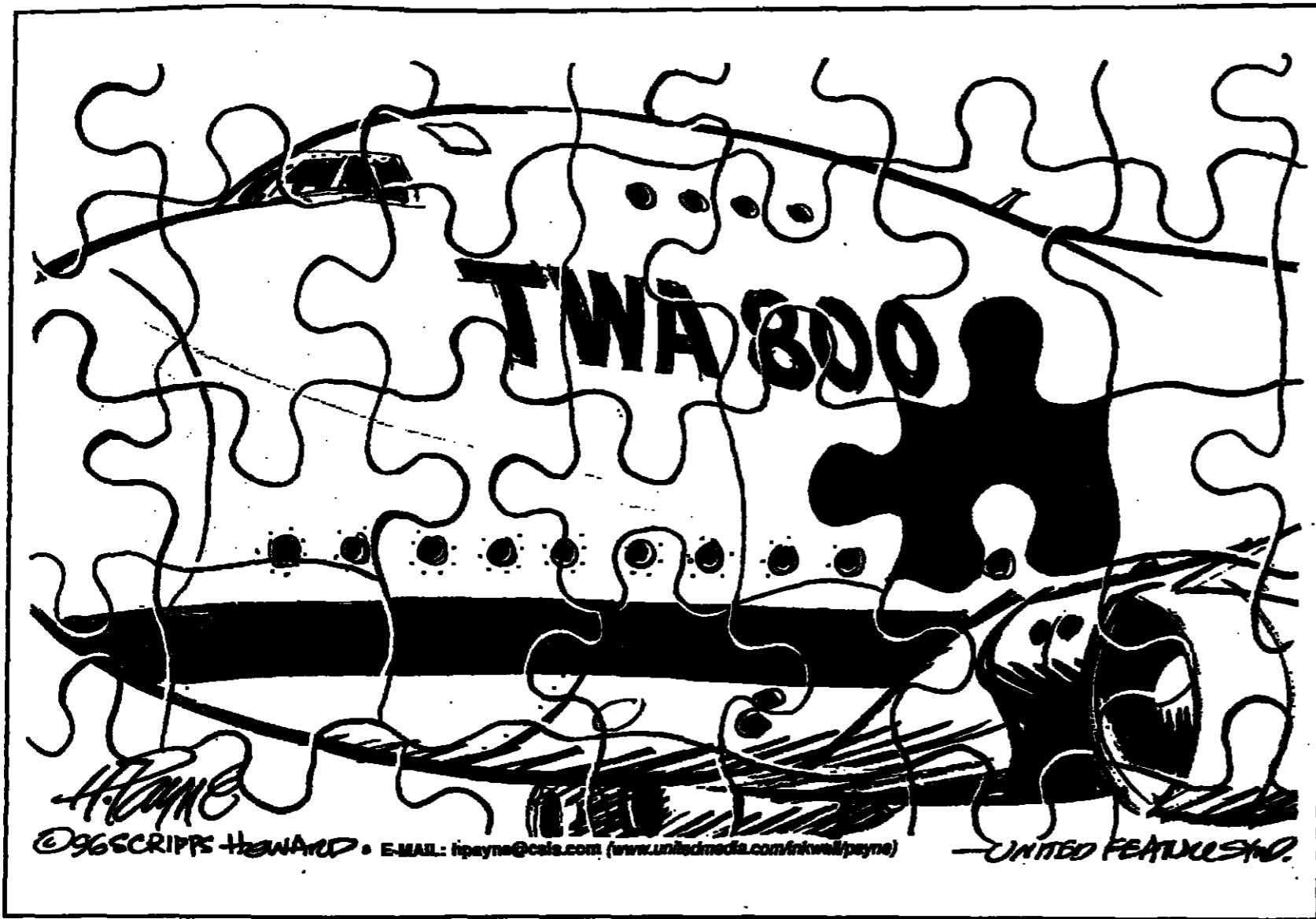
WHATTAYA MEAN, YOU WON?

GOT CALLED ON DARKNESS.

TODAY'S SUNDAY PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Shame on you!
 - 4 Appraisal
 - 9 Wetland
 - 14 Opponent
 - 17 Type of energy
 - 19 Musical composition
 - 20 Mistake
 - 21 Washer cycle
 - 24 Pithfork part
 - 25 — pain of S.E. Asia
 - 26 Same as above
 - 27 Change
 - 28 River island
 - 29 Russian city
 - 31 Discount
 - 33 Cooling device
 - 35 Pallid
 - 38 Ring
 - 39 Hodgepodge
 - 40 Light brown
 - 41 Summer squash
 - 43 Slip by
 - 45 Do very well
 - 47 Actress Lilian —
 - 48 A single time
 - 49 Give off
 - 50 — Rabbit
 - 51 Chart
 - 54 Leg joint
 - 55 Actress Bonet
 - 57 Negative word
 - 58 Singer Clayton
 - 60 CD Martina
 - 61 Princeton or Yale
 - 64 George C. Scott role
 - 68 Temper
 - 69 Cham
 - 70 English city
 - 72 Skater Katarina —
 - 73 Vista opens
 - 74 Short sleep
 - 76 Tokata
 - 78 Be fond of
 - 80 Porky Pig's gal
 - 82 Official proceedings
 - 83 Canine name
- DOWN**
- 1 Sea debris
 - 2 Author Fleming
 - 3 Therefore
 - 4 Disciplinary one
 - 5 Artist's workshop
 - 6 Expression of disapproval
 - 7 German river
 - 8 Flemish
 - 9 Family car
 - 10 Court order
 - 11 Comedian Johnson
 - 12 Way saying
 - 13 Abundant
 - 14 French coin
 - 15 Lubricate
 - 16 Wrap around
 - 17 Outpouring
 - 18 Baseball player
 - 22 Spiritualist meeting
 - 23 Tennessee — Ford
 - 30 Cavalier source
 - 32 Indonesian state
 - 34 German exclamation
 - 37 — the basic: tell all
 - 39 Voiced beats
 - 41 Metal
 - 42 Sharpened
 - 43 Author Hunter
 - 44 Harvest
 - 47 Enter
 - 50 Breakfast roll
 - 52 Clarinet
 - 53 Jugged
 - 54 Hawaiian island
 - 56 Visualize
 - 58 Shimmer marble
 - 60 Actress Pinkett
 - 61 Freight-train car
 - 62 Actor Laurence —
 - 63 American inventor
 - 65 Goshawk
 - 66 Half of MTV
 - 67 Surround
 - 68 Machine-gun sound
 - 69 Italian city
 - 71 Comic sketch
 - 73 Garland
 - 75 Discussion group
 - 77 — Rio, Texas
 - 79 Happy feeling
 - 81 — actor, Mongolia
 - 82 Goat
 - 85 Threat words
 - 87 Motive
 - 89 Solitary
 - 90 Have lunch
 - 91 Actress Joanne —
 - 92 Express a view
 - 96 Ford plane
 - 98 How was — know?
 - 100 Black cuckoo
 - 102 Parch
 - 104 Fill
 - 105 Bridge seat
 - 107 Christopher — ("Superman")
 - 109 Massachusetts
 - 111 Weather forecast
 - 113 Actress Dahl
 - 114 Wander
 - 115 Warrant
 - 116 Flashed platform
 - 118 Most precious
 - 120 Brought to life again
 - 121 Petal and
 - 122 Letter
 - 123 Tavern
 - 125 Laughed
 - 126 Help!
 - 127 Vestibule
 - 129 Forehead
 - 130 West Point student
 - 132 Rich cake
 - 136 Clever remark
 - 137 "Do — others —"
 - 138 Capital of Latvia
 - 140 Bridge feat
 - 143 Compass pt.
 - 145 Butlight
 - 147 Cozy room
 - 148 Actress Gardner





Dole's happy warrior marches to own drum

BY ROBERT NOVAK

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—Although Republican vice presidential candidate Jack Kemp's recent rally here was listed in the schedule as a "Forum on Drugs and Crime," it was no surprise that he mentioned neither drugs nor crime. Kemp marches to his own drummer, which is not necessarily Bob Dole's.

When Dole stunned the political world by picking Kemp, well-placed Republican insiders guessed it might take Kemp all of 10 days to go off the reservation by taking positions markedly different from Dole's. They were wrong. There is no major grievance at Dole headquarters about the exuberant second man on the ticket.

Still, there is a vivid contrast between the running mates. Although Kemp holds his tongue, there is little doubt that he considers Dole's crime-drug week to be a wasted week. He views the current Republican tactic of labeling Bill Clinton a liberal as utterly feckless. While Dole strategists regard the 15 percent tax cut as essentially a market-basket consumer issue, Kemp stresses the more radical follow-up of the promised abolition of the Internal Revenue Service.

When Kemp's videotaped speech last week to financier Ted Forstmann's annual seminar in Aspen, Colo., suggested that President Clinton should have won support from Gulf War Coalition allies before bombing Iraq, one senior Dole adviser thought Kemp had finally gone off the reservation. However, campaign manager Scott Reed assured me that this was not apostasy but an "extension" of Dole's position. Unmistakably, it was different.

If Kemp is not much like Dole, it is hard to think of anybody else in the Republican Party who comes close to his style. His evangelistic espousal of economic growth stimulated by tax cuts is marched by a few GOP politicians, but nobody else joins him in attaching "cultural renewal" to it.

No Kemp speech is without an allusion to Martin Luther King. A prominent African-American is usually in the Kemp entourage. This week, it was the Rev. Thad Garrett of Akron, Ohio, chairman of predominantly black Howard University's board of trustees (of which Kemp is a member). Hubert Humphrey has now joined Calvin Coolidge, Margaret Thatcher and Ronald Reagan in Kemp's pantheon of heroes. Instead of labor-bashing, Kemp in Grand Rapids saluted members of the United Auto Workers.

But Kemp on the campaign stump this week also addressed a conservative social-issue that Dole has almost entirely ignored and that Dole's strategist pretends does not exist: Clinton's veto of the partial-birth abortion bill. While flying from Grand Rapids to New York City, Kemp was on the telephone to a black clergyman, successfully enlisting his support on the issue.

After all the talk at the San Diego convention about a Dole team being imposed on the vice presidential nominee (as it was on Dan Quayle), Kemp has his own people on board. Edwin Feulner, president of the conservative Heritage Foundation, is in charge. Master strategist John Sears, exiled from high-level GOP politics for the past 16 years, rides the plane with Kemp.

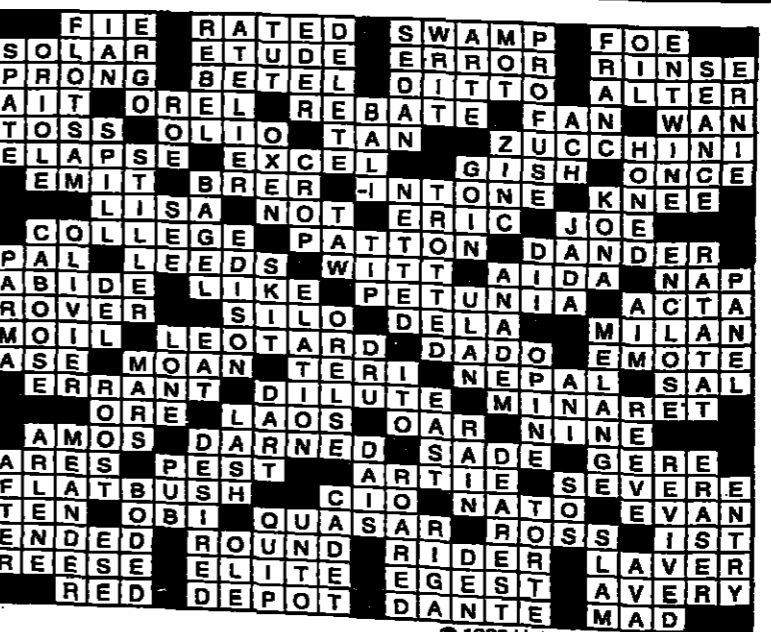
But to what avail? Vice presidential campaigns are not conducted at center court, and this is no exception. His Grand Rapids midmorning rally held at a vehicle-seat factory was witnessed mainly by restless Republican teen-agers brought in for the occasion, supplemented by a few senior citizens and undemonstrative plant workers. He delivered a virtuoso stump speech worthy of a better audience.

Even so, the Grand Rapids event surpassed the previous day's appearance at a Cleveland clinic that Republican campaign staffers incorrectly supposed was the site where Clinton's health plan was unveiled in 1993. As for television, Kemp's CNN interview with Larry King last Friday was his first extended national exposure since the San Diego convention.

Kemp is clearly underutilized, but John Sears would be the first to say that a vice presidential candidate cannot win any election and definitely should not overshadow the presidential candidate. What Kemp as the GOP's happy warrior may be able to do is somehow spread his sunshine on his dour running mate, lightening Bob Dole's image. That's not much, but anything positive is devoutly hoped for by Republicans these days.

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Bob Dole aligns himself with the Christian Coalition

BY ROGER SIMON

Pat Robertson ran for president in 1988 because God told him to, just as God had told him which street to live on, which call letters to use for his radio station, which transmitter to buy for his TV studio, which people to hire for his business and which securities to sell. God sometimes speaks to Robertson in "the silence of his inner thoughts," and sometimes Robertson hears an actual voice from God "level and conversational," which Robertson realizes some people might find "spooky." There is one difficulty in hearing directly from God, however. "There is a percentage of error," Robertson admits: some of the advice that appears to be from God is actually coming from Satan in disguise.

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And right about now, Robertson must be wondering just which one it was who encouraged him to back Bob Dole for president. "This campaign for the presidency is far behind," Robertson said at the recent Christian Coalition convention in Washington. "Twenty-three points is about as insurmountable an obstacle as I can think of. In my personal opinion, there's got to be a miracle from almighty God to pull it out, and that could happen." You bet. On his TV show, Robertson has prayed for miracles ranging from cures for scoliosis to the recovery of a viewer's lost diamond ring. He has also claimed that his prayers diverted Hurricane Gloria from his television station in Virginia. (And, indeed, the hurricane swerved and slammed into Long Island and Connecticut instead, where 16 people were

killed and \$47 million in damage was done. Whether Pat Robertson bears responsibility for that is a question for a higher power.)

Saving Bob Dole might be even more difficult than diverting a force of nature. "What's easier, moving a hurricane or moving the Dole campaign?" Robertson asked. "I think a hurricane is easier, to tell you the truth." But Robertson is willing to give it his best shot. Bob Dole is his ticket to the White House and to real influence in American politics.

What's in it for Bob Dole is less clear. Faced with the agonizing choice of reaching out to critical voters in the uncommitted middle or reaching out to committed Republicans in order to energize his base of support, Bob Dole has found a third way: he has decided to scare the hell out of people.

Originally, the Dole campaign made the sensible decision to keep him far away from the Christian Coalition convention. Jack Kemp (who ended up giving a very measured, very clever speech to the group) would go instead. True, the Christian Coalition had given Dole crucial support in defeating Pat Buchanan in the South Carolina primary in March. And true, without that support Dole might well have been a footnote to history today (instead of becoming a footnote to history tomorrow). But the GOP primaries, dominated by conservatives, are one thing and the general election dominated by the mass of American voters is another. The last thing Dole needs right now is to appeal to the extremes.

So what did Dole do? The morning of the Christian Coalition event, he changed his mind, showed up at the Washington Hilton and was introduced by Pat Robertson, who called him "a dear friend" and raised his arm in victory. What was he thinking? After all, while the Republican revolution of 1994 boosted the Christian Coalition's reputation for turning out votes, it also had an opposite and even greater effect: It frightened people. When Americans got a good dose of the Republican freshman class—its ideological purity, its unwillingness to compromise and its willingness to shut down the government—some of the public recoiled and has been backing away ever since.

Seen as too liberal, Bill Clinton slid to the center effortlessly (he was, in fact, elected as a centrist). From V-chips to school uniforms to welfare reform, Clinton has showed a real knack for crowd pleasing, if not party pleasing.

Bob Dole, on the other hand, has had trouble putting together a crowd to please. With only weeks left in the election campaign,

he has yet to deliver a coherent reason for people to vote for him, except for his promise of cutting income taxes by 15 percent, a promise, polling shows, that people simply do not buy.

Yet miracles do happen in both weather and politics, and it is simply too early to count Dole out—unless he keeps doing dumb things like appearing on stage with Pat Robertson. Most members of the Christian Coalition are already planning to vote for Bob Dole. What choice do they have? But among other religious voters—those who attend church three or more times a month, for example—Clinton leads Dole by two percentage points. These are exactly the kind of moderate voters Dole needs to reach and exactly the kind who find Pat Robertson scary.

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Just when the Clinton campaign was losing a little traction with its alarmist commercial about a "Dole-Gingrich" administration, what comes along to help it out? Dole-Robertson. "A picture's worth a thousand words," said Joe Lockhart, spokesman for the Clinton-Gore campaign. "Watching Bob Dole arm in arm with Pat Robertson speaks volumes to the extreme agenda being pursued by the Dole-Kemp-Gingrich campaign."

Bob Dole taking the stage with Pat Robertson was the equivalent of Michael Dukakis taking that tank ride: Something so jarring, so awful, so politically dumb you wonder why the Dole campaign didn't think of it sooner.

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Love of Zion, love of family

THERE AND THEN
SRAVA SHAPIRO

THEY were few, and they were moved by the same ideals, which they had discussed hotly in interminable sessions, months and years before they took the decisive step, the sea passage from Odessa to Jaffa - and then to Rishon LeZion, the "colony" where they hoped to become new men, new Jews, farming their own land, like normal, respected Gentiles.

But when they actually settled and learned to ride a horse and follow the plow, they quarreled over trivialities and discovered they could not live on the produce of their land.

Prof. Ruth Krak of the Hebrew University and Dr. Irit Amit of Bar-Ilan and Tel Aviv universities went into elaborate detail in describing the early days of the settlers in their 334-page book *Shet Ahavot* ("Two Loves," published by Milo, Tel Aviv).

Their hero is Yehoshua Hankin, a man who is usually referred to as "The Redeemer of Land" for his efforts to buy large tracts for the Zionist cause.

The book's title is a reference to Hankin's dual devotion to his wife Olga and to his efforts in finding land for sale. To lend reality to their subject, the authors imagined details of personal relations, such as the first night between Yehoshua and Olga.

Yehoshua grew up in Rishon LeZion, the settlement south of Jaffa which his father, Yehuda-Leib Hankin, had helped establish. But he was also in the group which revolted against the rule of Baron Rothschild's officials, who administered the "colony" as if the settlers were paid functionaries of the baron.

The officials requested from the settlers a written declaration of loyalty and a promise to obey the administrators unconditionally. Three families, including the Hankins, refused to sign the document. They did not yield when Rothschild visited Rishon LeZion. Yehuda-Leib moved to Jaffa, where his wife opened a shop for fashionable fabrics.

Yehoshua joined the settlers in Gedera, south of Rishon. He built a house, and married Olga. Olga Belkind was 10 years older than Yehoshua and apparently stouter, too. She grew up in St. Petersburg, graduating as a midwife. She was an intellectual - the luggage she brought with her to Rishon on a visit to her brothers included a great many books. Yehoshua's courtship was assiduous, while the marriage was delayed several times for a variety of reasons and finally took place in Gedera.

For Yehoshua, land was the essence of life, not just ideology. He loved long outings on horseback. He shaved or cut his hair and wore a Russian student's tattered long overcoat. He was at home with the Beduin. He spent many nights with them, leaving Olga dismayed, often on the verge of crisis.

But it was on such long wanderings that Yehoshua learned of large tracts of land for sale. The landowners were absentee rich men who lived in Beirut or Damascus. For Yehoshua, the problem was finding a source of money large enough to buy the tract and then finding clients looking for a piece of land. In this he was often unsuccessful and Olga had to work to pay his debts.

Paying for the land was not always the end of the affair. The former owner, or a group of Beduin, would come up with renewed claims. Often these could be ignored if one left a respectable sum of money on the table before the visiting officer who had brought the claim. But often the case went to court, a prolonged and very costly procedure.

Other Jewish middlemen were on the lookout for land for sale and clients to buy. Even honorable public figures such as Yehiel Michal Pines, who represented Hovevei Zion, tried to improve their financial position by selling land. Calumnies abounded and were widely reported in the contemporary press. Hankin said he could have bought most of the Jezreel Valley cheap if Pines had not interfered. Eventually, Hankin did negotiate the sale of the Jezreel Valley, but much later and at a much higher price. As he was always short of funds, he tried to persuade Hovevei Zion and later Zionist representatives in Jaffa to advance the deal.

When World War I broke out in Europe, Turkey, which joined the German side, expelled to the environs of Constantinople both Hankin and Olga, as well as his friends Mania and Israel Shohat of Hashomer fame.

Hankin managed to pass a note to the American ambassador, who obtained decent conditions for the prisoners. Indeed, Hankin was made an official adviser to the Turks on developing arid areas. Once a month he had to travel to Constantinople and advise a Turkish high official.

Children in Jaffa often called Hankin crazy. When he was in a bad mood he could spend nights in red-light houses near the port. And yet he was madly in love with Olga - and she with him. She knew he would return to her, as suddenly as he would disappear on his ramblings among the Beduin. The two loves were true loves.

Fertility rules for dogs always have exceptions

HEADS 'N' TAILS
D'VORA BEN SHAUL

THIS interesting question comes from a reader in Jerusalem: "We have a three-year-old Irish setter bitch that has most mysteriously given birth to a litter of puppies. I say mysteriously because when the bitch showed the first signs of being in heat we took her the next day to a kennel and had her kept there until the end of her cycle so she would not be bred by the local dogs with which she consorts.

"Imagine our surprise when she gave birth to a litter of puppies so varied in appearance that they seemed to represent several different breeds. Yet the kennel keeper swears she was kept alone in a closed kennel the whole period! Our veterinarian previously told us that a bitch is only fertile at about seven to nine days after she comes in heat, so obviously she did get bred at the kennel."

On the surface it would seem so, but things are not always what they appear to be. What your veterinarian may not have mentioned is that while it is true that most bitches are only fertile in the second week of estrus, there are exceptions to this rule just as there are to many others.

What applies to the average bitch may not be the case with your setter, or, as Nobel Prize laureate Linus Pauling once told his students, "average just means that if you put your feet in the oven and your head in the refrigerator then 'average' might be comfortable!" I have known a number of bitches who ovulated at the very start of their estrus cycle. There was one bitch who only conceived when accidentally bred on the 21st day, a time when she was sup-

posed to have finished her cycle, and one important case of a bitch who was fertile only in the day or two before the physical signs of estrus were visible.

As for the varied types of pups, this is most likely a case of what is called superfecundation. Since a bitch usually ovulates almost continually for a period of two to five days, she can quite easily have been bred by any number of dogs within a day or so if she is running free as your setter seems to have been.

The nightmare of breeders of pure breeds is when a bitch gets out by accident after they paid a small fortune in stud fees to breed her to some choice champion stud.

In such a case she may have all pure-breed pups, some pure bred and some from other sires or any such combination. No matter what the end results the entire litter is a loss to this breeder, as none of the pups are eligible for registration in the stud book as pure dogs of their breed. This is especially distressing, because some of the pure-bred pups may be of extremely high quality. Of course letting a bitch or a dog run about off the leash is not recommended. When a bitch is kept in and taken out on a leash you can be sure she will not be bred. In any case, unless she is specifically for breeding purposes she should be spayed, or at least given a hormone injection to prevent estrus in case you plan to breed her at some future date. Neither of these solutions will harm her, and you will not be in your present situation of trying to find decent homes for six unwanted, mix-breed pups.

ON CAMERA
DAVID BRAUNER

HAVING recently returned from a major art photography workshop in Rockport, Maine, Howard Clapsaddle is quick to express his misgivings about the future of still photography.

He says one of the lecturers said that "by the very nature of their imminent demise, well-made photographic prints will become collectors' items."

And in a personal aside, Clapsaddle adds ruefully, "which is something, I suppose, that will be good for all serious still photographers."

The New Jersey-born Clapsaddle made a pilot trip to Israel in 1971 in response to Moshav Neve Ilan's call for founding members. He and his wife instantly fell in love with the country. Since 1981 Clapsaddle, now 54, has worked as a tour guide.

Clapsaddle's interest in photography was sparked in the mid-1960s while serving in the Peace Corps in India. He then took pictures mainly to document his travels.

Today he is developing a reputation as a fine-arts nature photographer, who characterizes his work as "tending toward abstraction with a strong emphasis on pattern."

The source of Clapsaddle's inspiration is the desert. Ever since he discovered the magic of the Judean and Negev wildernesses soon after coming to Israel, he keeps going back.

"Whatever it is that attracts me to these arid regions, it's something I can't put into words, but I am finally expressing it in my pictures," says Clapsaddle, a soft-spoken and thoughtful man. "It is a compulsion to take these pictures."

Only in the last two to three years, he confides, has he begun to achieve results with which he is satisfied.

Clapsaddle rarely, if ever, combines his photography with tour guiding. His solo photographic camping trips most frequently take him to remote desert watering



Street cat outlined in sunlight, 1995; Clapsaddle: Well-made photographic prints will become collectors' items. (Howard Clapsaddle; David Brauner)

places like Ein Mishmar in the Judean Desert and Nahal Heimar near Arad - for two reasons. First, he is enchanted by the contrasts and mirror reflections of water against the lines and patterns of swirling rock formations, in a theme that frequently repeats itself in his images. The second reason for choosing desert springs is practical: They provide the photographer with drinking water.

Clapsaddle is a meticulous worker, sometimes spending hours setting up a single shot. Once on an early trip he came with a minimum of equipment and no tripod, because he was not expecting to do any serious photography.

But falling ill, he was confined to a spring "for four extremely fruitful days. I stacked up rocks to build a makeshift tripod."

In a completely different vein and much closer to home, Clapsaddle has also been photographically studying the local wildlife for the past six to seven

years. He finds street cats - "half wild and yet living right among us" - fascinating subjects. "And judging from the reactions to the pictures, not many people seem to pay much attention to what goes on in their lives."

He claims a sixth sense when it comes to cat behavior. Photographing semi-feral felines requires much time and patience. "It's like stalking any kind of game; you have to know when they are at the water hole." On the other hand, he has taken some of his best cat shots only a few steps from his front door.

Clapsaddle calls his move from black-and-white to color "a very difficult transition, but one which I'm glad I made."

Nevertheless, his earlier black-and-white conceptions influence his color work toward monochrome. In other words, he finds his eye is attracted to compositions that include harmonic hues

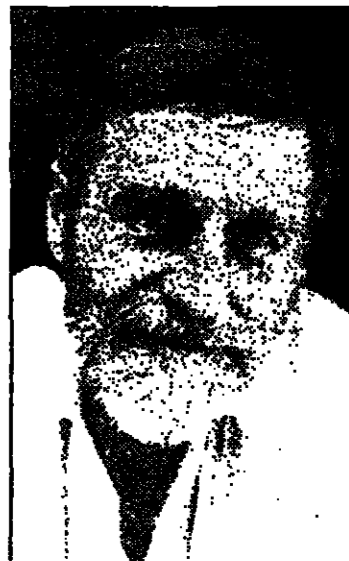
and shades of the same color. Among Clapsaddle's influences is Dr. Eliot Porter, a foremost American color landscape photographer who left his Harvard teaching position in 1939 to pursue his artistic aspirations.

Porter's concern about man's abuses of the world's ecology - what he terms the "downward spiral toward desolation" - is a consideration Clapsaddle keeps in mind when he presses the shutter.

When asked what advice he would give to other photographers, Clapsaddle says to "keep working despite periods of discouragement, follow your own instincts and interests, and shoot what's important to you."

He also suggests that photographers discipline themselves "to make written records of every shot they take."

A collection of Clapsaddle's desert images were exhibited last year at Jerusalem's Municipal Gallery, and a set of his wilderness



abstracts will be shown at the Jerusalem Theater next spring. A series of his cat pictures will be displayed at the Tel Aviv Cinematheque in a few weeks.

Welsh nationalists push for independence



During the recent conference of the Welsh nationalist party Plaid Cymru, held at the resort town of Llandudno (above), party leader Dafydd Wigley called for cutting ties with England. (British Tourist Authority)

brought government nearer to the Welsh people. "What Labor proposes amounts to nothing less than an attempt to foist an entirely new constitutional order on our people based on fashionable left-wing prejudices in defiance of the wisdom of the ages," party chairman Brian Mawhinney said in February of

Labor's plans for an assembly. Plaid Cymru is confident of increasing its share of Wales's 40 seats in parliament from four to six in the next election and hopes to capture 16 percent or 200,000 votes. It realizes it has an uphill battle in breaking Labor's stronghold in an ancient country known for its rich heritage, that has produced

the likes of poet Dylan Thomas and theatrical giant Richard Burton, as well as its history of trade unionism and socialism. Fiercely nonconformist, the miners and ironworkers in the industrial south and farmers in the picture-postcard valleys of the north vetoed a similar referendum in 1979.

That effort failed because the time was wrong, said Wigley, and circumstances are different now.

"Nationalism is much stronger now than 1979. After 17 years of Tory (Conservative) government and having four Secretaries of State for Wales that weren't even Welsh members of parliament, that shows the checks and balances in the system don't work."

"We've got a mountain to climb to pass Labor but I believe Labor is shooting themselves in the foot on two scores: one with the constitutional score, and the second is that their agenda is moving to the right. They are moving away from their traditional tenets and those were beliefs held very dearly by a lot of people in Wales."

Under leader Tony Blair, Labor has ditched many of its traditional socialist beliefs and moved to the political center ground.

With a recent revival firmly establishing Welsh as an official language alongside English, and a Welsh-language television station beaming programs to its half-million speakers, Plaid Cymru argues that its vision for a new Wales is not improbable.

First, a law-making parliament of 100 members elected under a proportional representation system. Not less than five years later a referendum on full self-government making Wales an independent country.

Wigley has already questioned Chinnay Gharekhan, a senior adviser to UN Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali, about a place for Wales in the General Assembly.

"He indicated that the UN has a place for every self-governing country however large or small," Wigley said. (Reuters)

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Judge orders ump's to work

PHILADELPHIA (Reuter) - The regular major league umpires took charge of an American League baseball playoff game in Cleveland on Friday, hours after a US District Court judge ordered them to work the postseason games.

The umpires had threatened a protest walkout over the handling of disciplinary action against Baltimore Orioles star second baseman Roberto Alomar for spitting in an umpire's face.

Judge Edmund Ludwig, however, granted Major League Baseball's request for an injunction to keep the umpires from boycotting the playoff games.

Richard Phillips, attorney and spokesman for the umpires' union, had told the judge before the ruling that umpires would abide by his temporary restraining order.

True to his word, Game 3 of the Orioles-Indians AL playoff game began on time in Cleveland with the regular umpires in place.

Alomar was soundly booed when he came up to bat in the first inning. A brief cheer erupted as he bounced out, weakly and loud boos and taunts resumed from the Jacobs Field crowd as Alomar walked back to the Orioles dugout.

Judge Ludwig said in court he had ordered umpires to honor a no-strike pledge in their contract because of baseball's special status in the US, echoing the argument of baseball attorneys that irreparable harm would result from a walkout.

"Baseball holds a special place in our country. It belongs to all the millions of fans in America ... baseball is a higher calling than pure business," Ludwig said.

Umpires were enraged over what they viewed as unacceptably light punishment to Alomar, who was given a five-game suspension for spitting in umpire John Hirschbeck's face during a dispute last Friday, but used loopholes in the appeals process to avoid its taking effect until next season.

The umpires insisted that the only meaningful suspension had to take place immediately, during the playoffs.

Phillips argued in court that the authority of the umpires and the dignity of baseball would be compromised if acts such as Alomar's were not dealt with severely.

"Baseball is in a state of very serious decay," he said.

While ruling against them, the judge expressed sympathy toward the umpires.

"On a personal note, as an umpire, my feelings are certainly with the umpires ... they deserve to be treated with dignity and authority," Ludwig said.

However, he went on, "there is no realistic replacement for umpires. They are the best in the world and there would be irreparable damage to baseball if they didn't work."

The umpires originally threatened to boycott playoff games on Tuesday after Alomar appealed his five-game suspension and American League President Gene Budig set the appeal hearing for next season.

The umpires agreed to work through Thursday's games only after Budig moved the appeal hearing to Thursday.

But Alomar withdrew his appeal on Wednesday night, circumventing the need for a hearing and leaving the umpires without a forum to argue for Alomar's immediate suspension.

Phillips then said the umpires would walk out, moving the dispute back to the courthouse.

Acting Commissioner Bud said he would convene a summit next month with representatives of all sides to establish a "code of conduct" so that "we never again face the kind of conflict that has arisen over the Roberto Alomar incident."

ARLINGTON - Bernie Williams homered from both sides of the plate to take the New York Yankees to a 6-4 victory over the Texas Rangers and their first trip to the American League Championship Series in 15 years yesterday.

The Yankees won the best-of-five division series 3-1 and will face the winner of the Baltimore-Cleveland series in the ALCS beginning Tuesday.

New York erased a 4-0 deficit to post its third straight come-from-behind win after losing the series opener. The series concluded with back-to-back Yankee wins at The Ballpark in Arlington, a stadium where they had lost 10 of 12 games before this weekend.

New York again received an outstanding effort from its bullpen, which was finally scored upon but shut down Texas over the final six innings, allowing just one hit.

David Weathers pitched three scoreless innings. Mariano Rivera worked the seventh and eighth and John Wetteland pitched the ninth for his second save in as many games.

New York was able to overcome yet another homer by Juan Gonzalez, who went deep for the fifth time in the series.

Williams, who homered and drove in the tying run in Game 3 win on Friday, tied the game at 4-4 in the fifth with a one-out homer to right field off Roger Pavlik.

In the ninth, Williams switched to the right side of the plate and blasted a one-out homer to left field off Mike Stanton, giving the Yankees an insurance run.

New York pushed across the go-ahead run in the seventh. Tim Lincecum singled to shallow left off Pavlik and was sacrificed to second by Wade Boggs. Tino Martinez hit a grounder that was smothered by first baseman Will Clark, who was unable to make the play at first as Raines advanced to third. Cecil Fielder grounded a single to left to score Raines.

The Yankees managed just one hit in the first three innings off Bobby Witt and fell behind 4-0 before scoring three times in the fourth.

An ineffective performance by starter and former Ranger Kenny Rogers did not prove costly as manager Joe Torre lifted the left-hander after just two innings.

Gonzalez homered in his fourth straight post-season game, tying the major league record set by Jeffrey Leonard of San Francisco in 1987. His five homers in a series tied the major-league mark set by Ken Griffey Jr. of Seattle (1995) and Reggie Jackson of the Yankees (1977).

The home run was the first run allowed by the Yankee bullpen in the series.

Gonzalez's stunning victory and a 2-1 lead in the best-of-five-game series.

For the second time in as many games, the Yankees came back against the beleaguered bullpen of Texas, which wasted a superb effort by left-hander Darren Oliver.

Limited to four hits over the first eight innings, the Yankees chased Oliver with singles by Derek Jeter and Tim Lincecum to open the ninth.

Closer Mike Henneman, who saved 31 games despite a 5.79 ERA in the regular season, surrendered a game-tying sacrifice fly to Bernie Williams, who had homered in the first inning.

Cecil Fielder bounced out to third, with Raines taking second. Tino Martinez was intentionally walked and Duncan made the Rangers pay with a soft single to left-center field.

"This was a roller coaster ride," Williams said. "I hit a homer, made a great catch and then got picked off before we won in the ninth."

Jeff Nelson (1-0), who pitched three scoreless innings in relief of Jimmy Key, was the winner.

Oliver, making his first post-season start, was the hard-luck loser. Juan Gonzalez hit his fourth homer of the series for Texas, hosting its first playoff game ever.

Indians 9, Orioles 4

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HE'S IN THERE - Texas Rangers second baseman Mark McLemore and New York Yankees runner Bernie Williams look up at the umpire for the call during yesterday's game. Williams was safe.

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Swiss cyclists bring unprecedented glory

GENEVA (Reuter) - From the streets of Atlanta to the plains of Spain, Swiss riders have brought unprecedented glory to their tiny Alpine nation this year.

Pascal Richard paved the way by winning gold in the Olympic road race.

Then last Sunday Alex Zülle led compatriots Laurent Dufaux and Tony Rominger to an historic sweep of the Tour of Spain.

Not since 1920, when a trio of Belgians swept the Tour de France, had riders from the same country claimed the top three places in a Tour.

Now Zülle, Rominger, Dufaux and Richard are determined to add to their successes at next week's world championships in Lugano.

"The victory has given me a lot of confidence," said Zülle.

"My morale was wavering after a disappointing Tour de France and an Olympics that wasn't much better.

"A lot of people doubted my ability to win a big Tour and after the Olympics I started to doubt myself. Not anymore."

Swiss riders have prospered individually over the years, with Rominger winning the Tour of Spain three times.

"Part of the reason for success is that sport goes in cycles," said Prosper Dubouloz, vice-president of the Swiss cycling federation.

"The Belgians were a great cycling nation for a while, but now there is nobody.

"They're at the bottom of the valley right now and we are at a peak. The essential thing is that we are reaping the fruits of our labor."

While the Swiss cycling federation would like to take credit for the success, even they admit the results have come through good fortune rather than design.

When most of the ONCE team came down with food poisoning during the Tour of Spain, including Frenchman Laurent Jalabert, Zülle walked away from the din-

Van Gundy stresses need for new-look Knicks to play unselfishly

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (AP) - The Knicks as he knew them are no more. Going into his first training camp as New York's coach, Jeff Van Gundy must mesh a mix of newcomers and holdovers.

"We're more talented as we stand today. Whether we'll be better we'll see over the year," Van Gundy said last week as he prepared to depart for Charleston, South Carolina and a seven-day camp.

The Knicks return only five players from a team that won 47 games last season and was ousted in the second round of the playoffs by the Chicago Bulls.

Larry Johnson, Allan Houston, Chris Childs and Buck Williams join three rookies on a team that has only two of last year's starters - Patrick Ewing and Charles Oakley - in this season's projected opening night lineup.

Van Gundy was purposely vague about stating specific goals, but one theme he touched on repeatedly was a need for unselfish play, especially on a team with a new star, Johnson, who will still be expected to defer to Ewing as the nine-time All-Star enters his 12th season - and the last on his contract.

"The five returns, I'm confident they'll do what it takes. The other seven, we'll see. If there's one thing that could make it a rocky road, it would be if we don't sacrifice as much as we would hope," Van Gundy said.

"It's a mentality that goes against the financial and marketing agenda of the NBA - that they pay you for personal accomplishments. To sacrifice shots, minutes and personal agendas, that's hard."

"That's our challenge. You're fighting the name of today's NBA, but we've brought in guys that we think can do that."

New York should contend with Indiana, Orlando, Washington and Miami for second-best in the East behind Chicago.

New York has been knocked out of the playoffs by Chicago in five of the last eight seasons.

The latest was a 4-1 defeat in May that included the Bulls' only postseason loss to an Eastern Conference team.

"We were one overtime away from being swept, so I don't think we did as well as peo-

ple give us credit for," Van Gundy said. "It was a competitive series, but it wasn't a close series. We weren't good enough offensively or from a rebounding standpoint to do justice to our defense."

That lack of offense was the primary reason why New York tried to put together a younger team that can improve on last season's 88.6 points per game playoff average.

Johnson was acquired from Charlotte for left the New Jersey Nets as a free agent to replace Derek Harper.

"I think the mistaken perception is that we will be a worse defensive team," Van Gundy said.

"Over the last five years, the Knicks have played good halfcourt defense, but the rebounding has slipped and the offense has been substandard."

"Championship teams are good in all three areas, and it's no mistake that the two highest scoring teams were in the finals last year," Van Gundy said. "They combined it with defense and rebounding."

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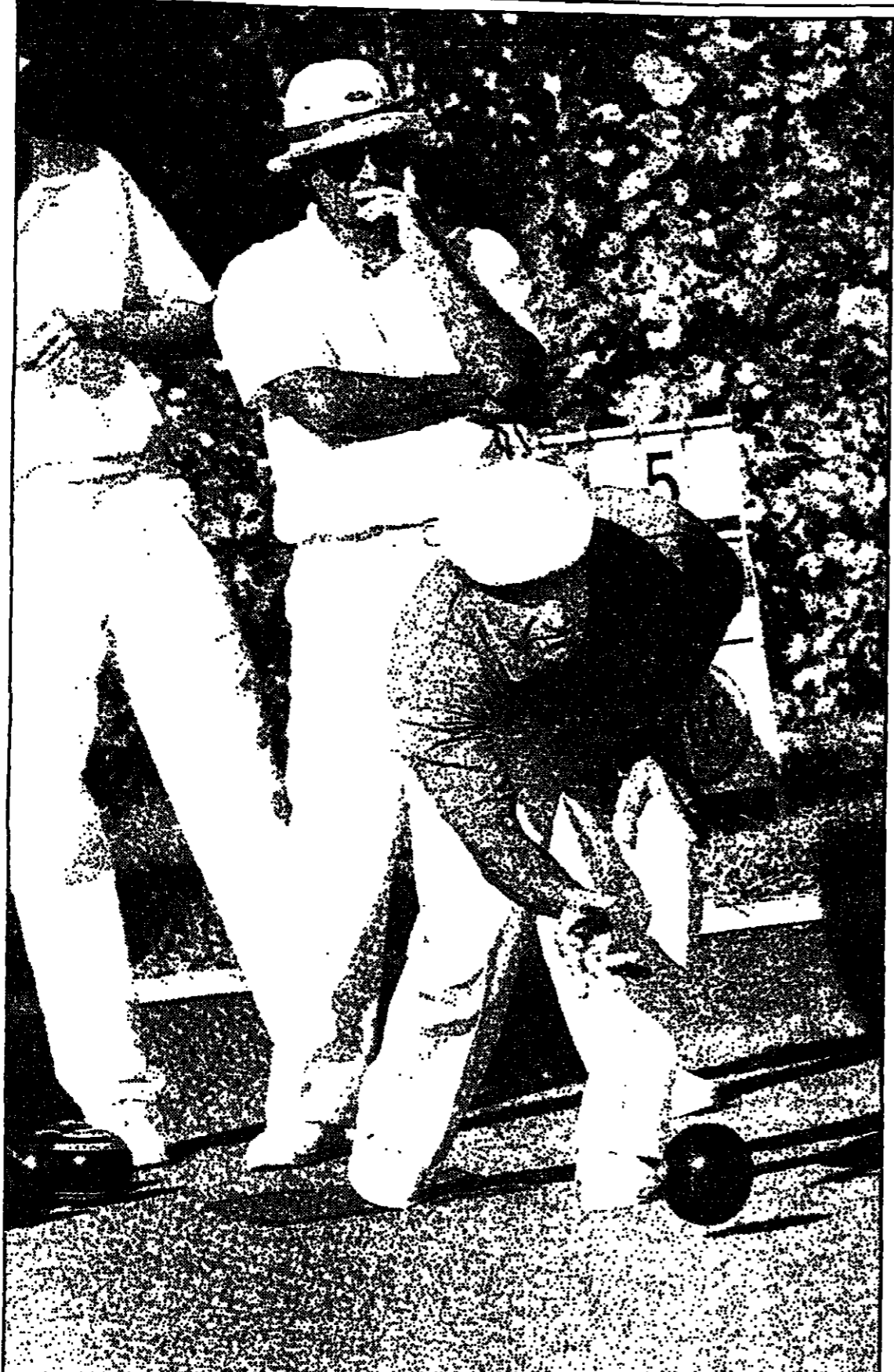
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SPORTS

Dutch, Italians win World Cup qualifiers



STEADY AS SHE GOES - A contestant in the men's fours lawn bowling final gives it his best shot during the annual National Lawn Bowls Championships which concluded yesterday at Kfar Hamaccabia.

In the men's singles, Amir Yaron from the Savyon lawn bowls team beat Colin Silberstein from the Ra'anana club, 21-18. The women's singles were won by Maureen Hirschowitz from Ra'anana who beat Rene Kusman from Kfar Hamaccabia, 21-15.

Leyland heads for Florida

MIAMI - Jim Leyland made the Florida Marlins a winner Friday. Florida finished first in a four-team race for American Major League Baseball's hottest free agent when Leyland agreed to a 5-year deal to manage a team that has never had a winning season in its three-year existence.

Asprilla says he's sticking with United

BOGOTA (Reuters) - Out-of-favor Colombian striker Faustino Asprilla said on Friday he was happy in English soccer and definitely staying at Newcastle United.

Friedman wins national windsurfing tourney

ISRAEL'S Olympic bronze medalist Gal Friedman won his sixth national windsurfing championships title yesterday in Bat Yam.

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THE defeat of league champions Maccabi Tel Aviv at the hands of lowly Zefirim Holon was the only major upset during weekend Toto Cup action, which saw a break in National League play due to the Israel squads' international matches with Russia.

LONDON (AP) - Pierre van Hooijdonk came off the bench late in the second half and scored two goals in just three minutes to help a frustrated Dutch side defeat Wales 3-1 in one of seven World Cup group qualifying matches yesterday.

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Wolves lose at home

LONDON (AP) - Lowly Reading got a goal from James Lambert in the 69th minute for a 1-0 victory at Wolverhampton yesterday, dashing the Wolves' hopes of moving into third place in the English First Division.

Table with 4 columns: Team, W, D, L, Pts. Includes National League Toto Cup Group A, B, C, D and Second Division Toto Cup.

Home's the place to be in NHL season openers

ST. LOUIS (AP) - The defending Stanley Cup champion Colorado Avalanche was one of three road teams to lose as the NHL opened its 80th season.

In the others, Buffalo lost 4-3 at Edmonton and the New York Islanders were beaten 1-0 at Los Angeles.

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Dow at record

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Stocks broke new records and bonds rallied Friday as a surprisingly weak September jobs report eased fears of an interest rate hike by the Federal Reserve.

The Dow Jones industrial average rallied 60.01 points, or 1.01 percent, to a record closing high of 5,992.86 after hitting 5,995.47 earlier.

"We're nearing my 1996 target of 6,100, and I think the stock market is headed higher than that. This remarkable rise is going to continue well into 1997 at least," said William Lefevre, a senior market analyst at Ehrenkrantz King Nusbaum.

In the broader market, advancing issues outpaced declines by 1,781 to 694 on very heavy volume of 467 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 1.75 points to 1,025.25.

FTSE hits high

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuters) - London and Frankfurt stocks closed at record levels on Friday, as weaker-than-expected US jobs figures banished immediate worries of higher interest rates.

Wall Street climbed to a new trading high on the strength of the data, which showed unemployment rising last month as the number of jobs in the world's most powerful economy shrank for the first time since January.

The closely-watched statistics sparked off a bullish mood among European investors who took the latest snapshot of US economic strength to mean interest rates would not rise in the future.

London, Europe's biggest bourse, shot to a trading peak of 4025.1 on the FTSE Index after the US figures flashed onto dealing screens to close at 4024.8, eclipsing the previous best set only two days ago.

Wall Street leapt to an intraday record of 5983.17. Investors saw inflation pressures receding as non-farm US jobs declined by 40,000 last month, confounding market expectations of a 166,000 rise and a far cry from August's 241,000 increase.

Recent data about the US economy has been erratic, but

most have generally pointed to slowing in manufacturing, prompting policymakers last week to leave interest rates unchanged, at least until their next meeting in mid-November.

London stocks, languishing below 4,000 points before the American data was issued, climbed quickly as the figures sent government bonds soaring.

The rest of Europe took comfort from the surprise US data which allayed fears the American economy was growing fast enough to trigger higher US rates, a benchmark for rates globally.

In Frankfurt, trading on the computerized IBIS Index hit the 2,700-point level for the first time, boosted by the surprisingly weak jobs data and the strong showing on Wall Street. It closed at a record of 2704.25 points.

Floor trading in Frankfurt also ended at a record close of 2,683.28 points, helped by the dollar's recent strength against the mark.

French shares climbed strongly to finish up 0.8% as the US unemployment figures propelled bond markets sky-high.

The CAC-40 Index closed up 21.7% on the week.

Dollar up moderately

CURRENCY REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) - The dollar ended moderately higher against most major currencies Friday, lifted by rising stock and bond markets as the September employment report showed less need for higher interest rates to choke off inflation.

But the figures in the Labor Department's report on employment in September lead to differing interpretations of the dollar's overall position.

US stocks and bonds rallied on the report, which showed unem-

ployment edging up to 5.2 percent in September from a seven-year low of 5.1% in August while payrolls dropped by 40,000. The dual rallies boosted the dollar.

The data were widely seen as soft to moderate, confirming that the Federal Reserve was right in declining to raise interest rates last month in an attempt to block inflation in a strengthening economy.

Predictions of higher US rates have supported the dollar.

But some analysts said further interpretation of the data showed strength in the economy and the possibility that the Fed still will raise rates because inflation remains possible.

"In my mind, the reaction was kind of strange," said Guillermo Estebanez, a foreign-exchange economist with the Bank of America's San Francisco branch. "I think the market has misread the signals. If I'm right we will see a correction sooner or later."

In late New York trading, the dollar cost 111.80 yen, up from 111.45 yen Thursday. The dollar cost 1.5321 marks, up from 1.5313 marks.

ISRAELI MONEY MARKETS

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ISRAELI FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES (4.10.96)

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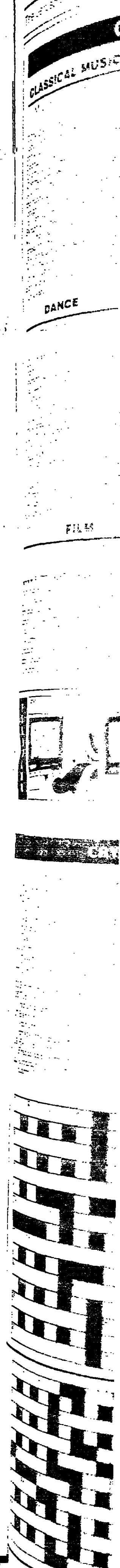
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US promises to study its role regarding Nazi assets

MARILYN HENRY
NEW YORK

THE State Department, responding to pressure, has promised a "thorough and immediate study" of the US's post-war activities regarding assets looted by Nazi Germany. The announcement, made Friday in Washington, came two months after an American envoy raised the idea in Jerusalem.

"There have been enough serious calls for a review of US actions during the period that the administration thought it was wise to undertake our own study so that we could assure ourselves of all the facts and make those facts public," department spokesman Nicholas Burns said.

The review will be conducted by the State Department's historian. It is expected to be overseen by US Undersecretary of Commerce Stuart Eizenstat, who is also the Clinton administration's envoy on property restitution in Europe, sources said.

The Swiss government turned over funds to the Allied governments after the war to settle claims that it held gold the Nazis had stolen.

Eizenstat had called for an inquiry on the fate of Nazi loot in August, during a visit to Israel, saying: "Just as Switzerland may have to undergo some painful examination about its role, so too will the US government."

Last week, the lower house of the Swiss parliament voted 162-0 to create an independent commis-

sion to investigate the Swiss financial role during World War II.

The American inquiry will include "a thorough and immediate study of the retrieval and disbursement of Nazi assets after the Second World War," but it will focus on US diplomatic efforts, Burns said.

The inquiry, which Burns called a "highly urgent and priority matter," is expected to last several months.

However, as was the case with the inquiry conducted by the British Foreign Office last month, it was unclear what action might stem from the inquiry's conclusions, Burns said. "We hope this review will provide a greater understanding of the role played by the US and other Allies."

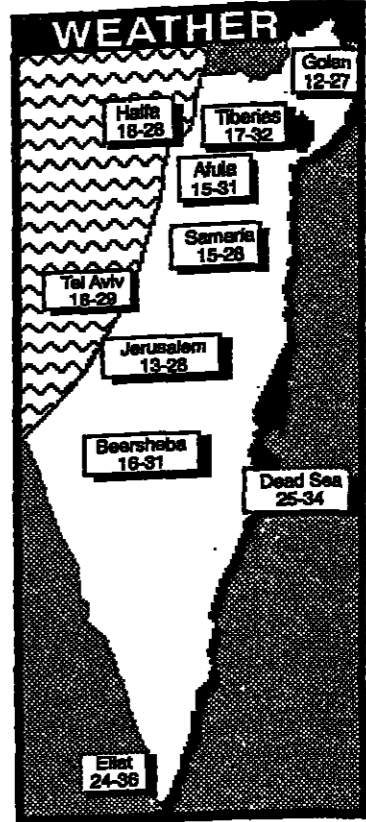
There have been demands that the US, in effect, renegotiate its post-war agreements with Switzerland on Nazi assets, but the US has not formally indicated its position on this issue. Such an action is unlikely, sources said.

The Swiss government the US move is in line with its own desire to find the truth about missing Jewish wealth.

"We have taken note of the State Department's action and restate the Swiss Government also wants to do everything to assure that there is clarity over what happened," Foreign Ministry spokesman Hans-Ruedi Bortis said yesterday in response to inquiries.



Christians sing and pray facing the Temple Mount on Friday, as the annual Tabernacles pilgrimage came to an end. Following the prayers, the 6,000 participants marched to the Western Wall Plaza, where they continued praying for Israel's security. (Vera Erizon)



AROUND THE WORLD

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Amsterdam	57	67	clear
Berlin	57	67	clear
Buenos Aires	62	72	clear
Caracas	72	82	clear
Chicago	57	67	clear
Copenhagen	57	67	clear
Frankfurt	57	67	clear
Helsinki	57	67	clear
Hong Kong	82	92	clear
London	57	67	clear

Holocaust survivor files \$20b. lawsuit against Swiss bank

MARILYN HENRY
NEW YORK

A HOLOCAUST survivor living in Brooklyn has filed a \$20 billion lawsuit in a US federal court in New York against Swiss banks for allegedly refusing to return victims' money and property. The suit was filed on Thursday by Gizella Weisshaus, a Satmar Hasidic woman originally from Romania. She is seeking damages on behalf of herself and has invited other survivors, both Jews and non-Jews, to join the class-action suit.

Weisshaus said her father got his money to Swiss banks before he was deported to Auschwitz in 1944. Now 66, Weisshaus has been trying to recover her family's assets for more than 30 years, her lawyer, Edward Fagan, said on Friday. "She doesn't have account numbers," Fagan said. "The suit is to force the disclosure of the numbers of the [Swiss bank] accounts from 1933 to 1945." This is believed to be the first

case filed in the US against the Swiss banks since the issue burst into public awareness last year. Although such a case had been anticipated, it appeared to catch the banks, the Swiss government and some Jewish advocates off guard. It was unclear how the case would be coordinated with or affected by the current efforts of the

Volcker Committee, which is preparing to arrange an audit of dormant Swiss bank accounts from the Holocaust era. Under the current procedure, claimants are asked to submit questionnaires to the Swiss banking ombudsman. However, Fagan said, Weisshaus declined to submit the questionnaire. "She said, 'I filled one out already,'" Fagan said, referring to her decades-long effort to recover her family's assets.

The ombudsman said his office could not match current and potential claimants against those who applied previously, because the previous searches were not centralized. Instead, applicants contacted banks directly. Named in the suit are Union Bank of Switzerland and the Swiss Bank Corporation, also known as Swiss National Bank, as well as more than 100 unnamed banking institutions and individuals.

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Clalit staff threatens one-day strike tomorrow

JUDY SIEGEL

A 24-HOUR warning-strike by 5,000 administrative and maintenance workers will be held in all Kupat Holim Clalit hospitals and community clinics tomorrow, if the union carries out threats issued last week.

If the strike is held, the health fund's hospitals and clinics will run on a reduced Shabbat schedule, cancelling elective operations, closing diagnostic institutes and outpatient clinics and reducing cleaning and administrative services. New union head Prosper Ben-Hamu said workers providing vital services would be exempted from the strike. Ben-Hamu said there was no choice but to strike because the Clalit management "has ignored our demands."

Two brothers killed in fire

TWO brothers, aged 17 and two, were killed Friday when a fire broke out in their Kfar Arabeh family home. The blaze began in a bedroom on the second floor of the home in the Western Galilee village. Firefighters were called to the scene and assisted by residents, who brought in buckets of water. The entire home was engulfed with black smoke, as the fire quickly burned the family's wood furniture. After the firefighters brought the blaze under control they searched the house, and were shocked when they lifted up mattresses on top of a bed in the parents' bedroom and found the two boys dead. Witnesses said the older boy, Ibrahim Asli, had run into the house to save his brother, Salah, when he saw smoke coming from inside. Firefighters said there were fragments of wool blankets and clothing in the room, and that the two had apparently died of poisoning from the gases released by the burned material. However, firefighters said the cause of the fire was unclear, and were checking into the possibility of a short circuit or that the baby boy, who was alone in the house, had been playing with matches. (Itim)

Shaare Zedek honors cancer researcher Leo Sachs

JUDY SIEGEL

PROF. Leo Sachs, a renowned Weizmann Institute geneticist who has made a major contribution to the understanding of cancer will tonight receive the prestigious Or Hanagid award of Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital. The 72-year-old scientist will be the guest of honor at the hospital's 25th gala dinner at Teddy Hall in the Jerusalem International Convention Center. Sachs was born in Leipzig and later moved as a youngster to England. He received a degree in agriculture and botany at the University of Wales, but decided to specialize in mammalian genetics and development. A year after completing his doctorate, in 1952, he came on aliya and joined the "scientific kibbutz" in Rehovot. At the Weizmann Institute he was given a bench and a microscope in the chemistry department, where he began to study human genetics. There he conducted pioneering research on the use of amniotic fluid for pre-natal diagnosis of genetic characteristics. He also worked on the genetics of fingerprints in various Jewish ethnic groups and established the institute's genetics department. In the 1960s, he started investigating the development of normal and cancerous cells, which remain the basis for all modern research on blood cells. His research led to the discovery of proteins, called colony-producing factors, that control the development of normal blood cells, a discovery that had a major impact on the understanding of leukemia. Among the major awards he has received are the Israel Prize and the Wolf Prize. Among the speakers scheduled at the dinner is Michal Halevy, a soldier who was critically wounded in the Bus No. 18 explosion in Jerusalem last February and whose life was saved at Shaare Zedek, where she was hospitalized for 10 weeks. She is now undergoing rehabilitation at the hospital.

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